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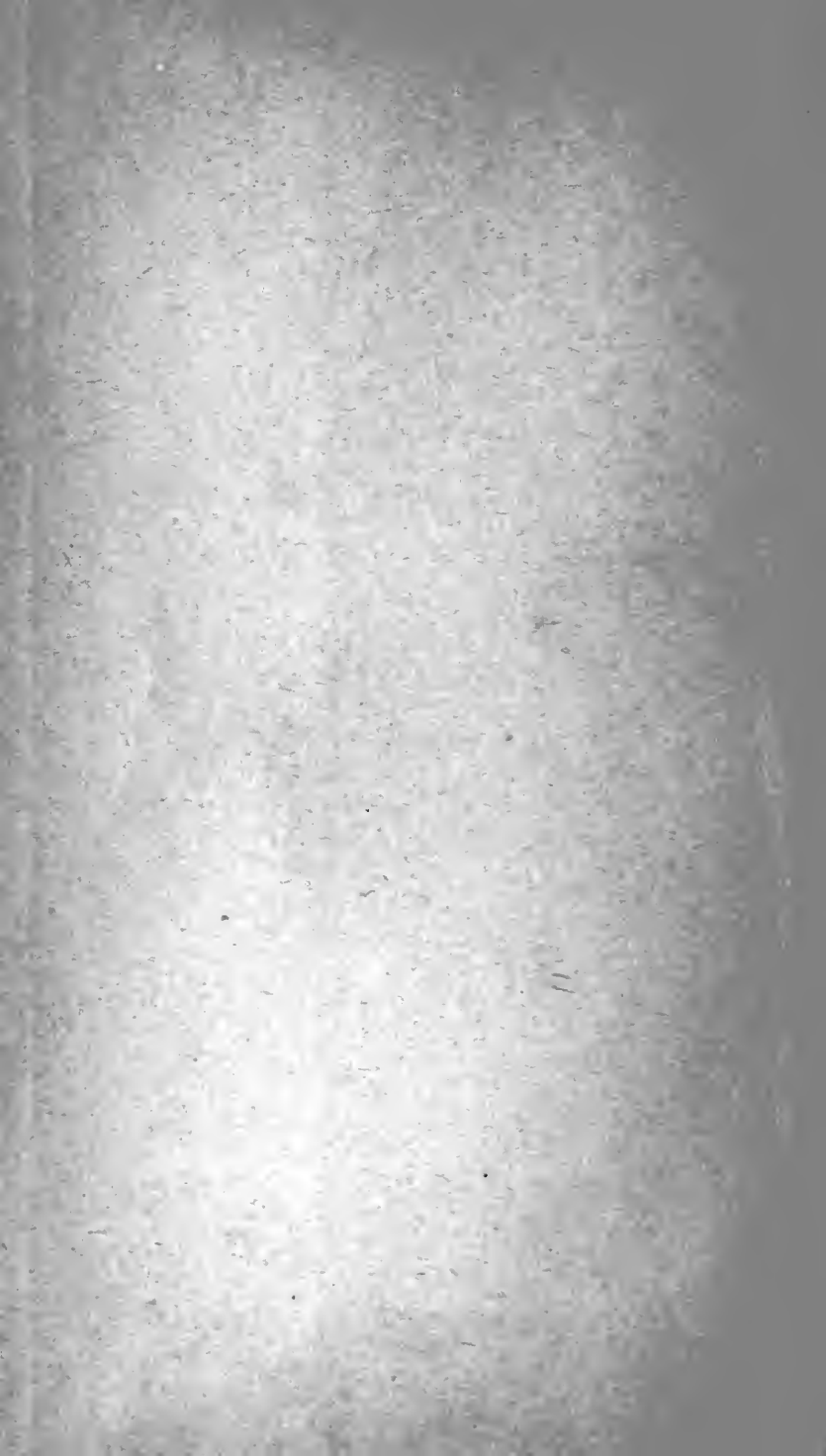
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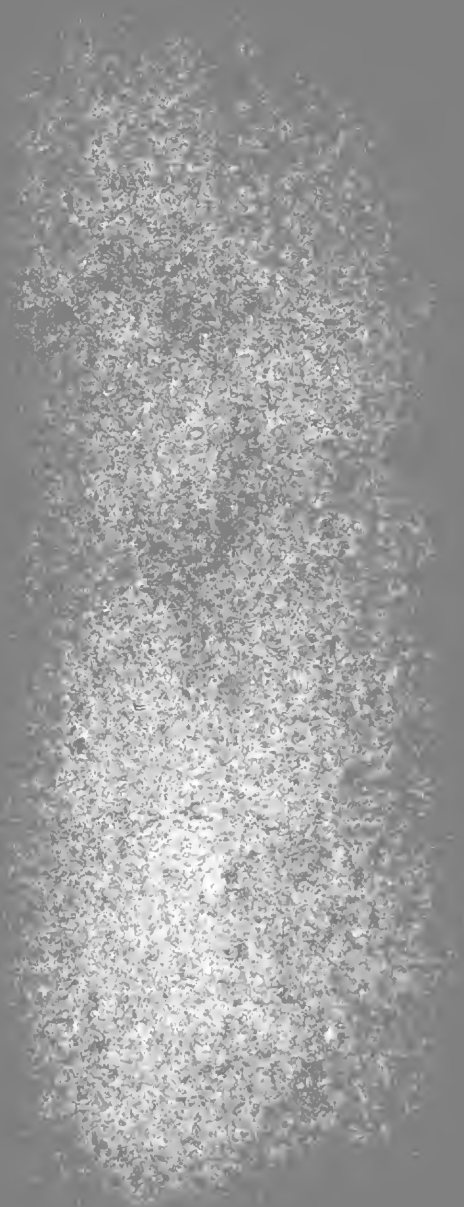
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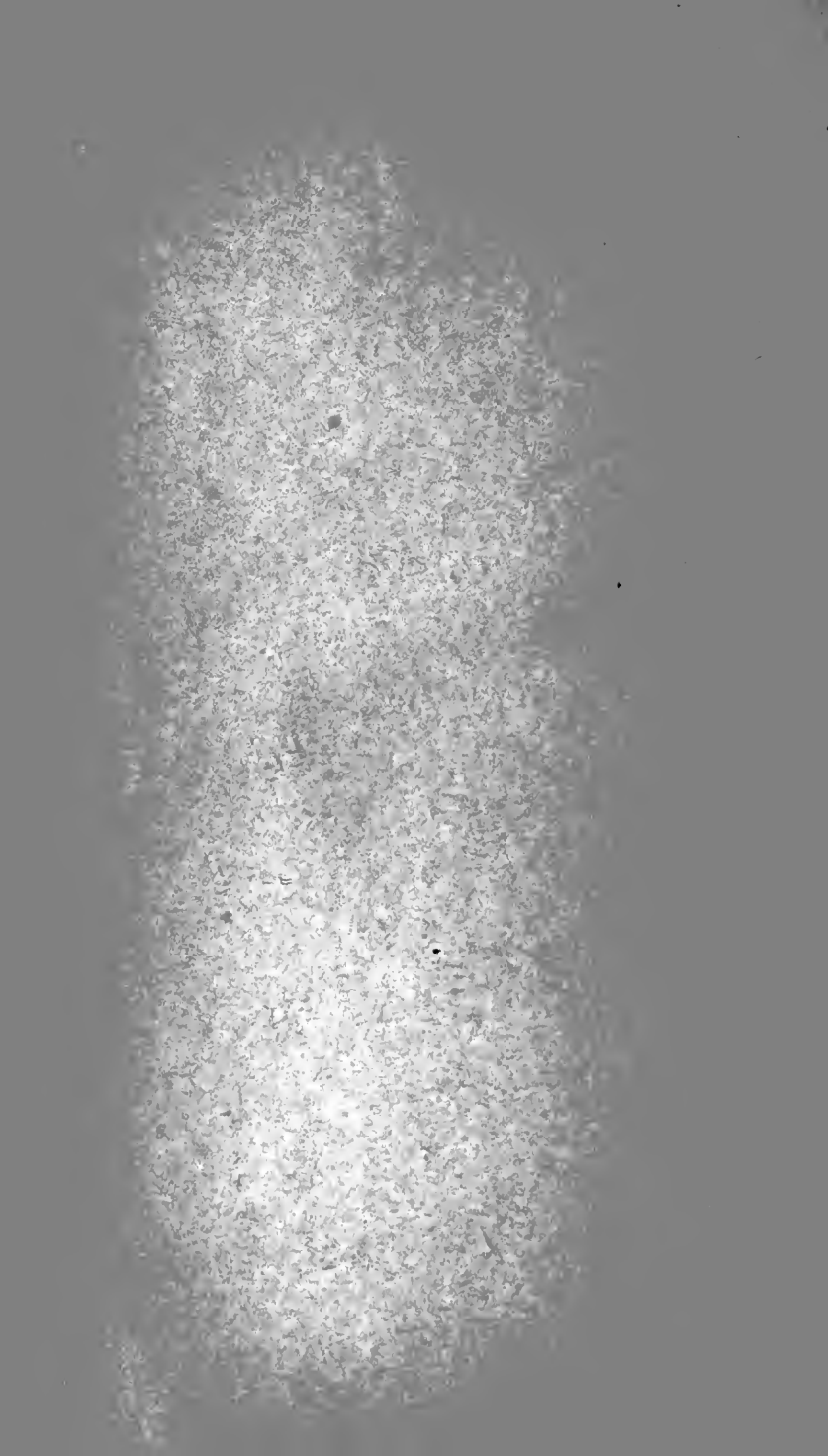












# Grand Lodge of Canada.

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## PROCEEDINGS

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at Shannonville, Ont., on the 15th day of August, A. D. 1871, A. L. 5871.

### PRESENT :

R. W. Bro.	Eber C. Flint, D.D.G.M.,	as Grand Master.
" " "	L. H. Henderson, P.D.D.G.M.,	as Dep. G. Master.
"	Thomas Kelso,	as Grand Senior Warden.
"	Smith Stephens,	as " Junior "
"	Rev. J. Young,	as " Chaplain.
"	A. L. Roberts,	as " Treasurer.
"	Rev. J. C. Smith,	as " Registrar.
" "	S. S. Lazier,	as " Secretary.
"	C. F. Filliter,	as " Senior Deacon.
" "	A. Ellis,	as " Dir. of Cer.
"	I. P. Thomas,	as " Sword Bearer.
"	E. R. Benjamin,	as " Steward.
"	D. B. Robertson,	as " Steward.
"	Dr. Oronhyatekha,	as " Pursuivant.
"	Dr. Campbell,	as " Tyler.

And about one hundred brethren hailing from Moira Lodge, No. 11, The Belleville Lodge, No. 123, Belleville ; Madoc Lodge, No. 48, Madoc ; and Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in *Form*, the acting Grand Master announced that this Special Communication had been convened for the purpose of laying the CORNER STONE of the new Masonic Lodge Room about to be erected in this place.

The ceremonies were performed in accordance with the usages of the Order.

The Grand Lodge was closed in *Form* with solemn prayer.

THOS B. HARRIS,

GRAND SEC.

# Grand Lodge of Canada.

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## PROCEEDINGS

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held in the Lodge-room of Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton, on Wednesday, the 16th day of August, A. D. 1871, A. L. 5871.

### PRESENT:

R. W. Bro.	Henry Macpherson,	P.G.S.W.,	as	Grand Master.
" "	L. H. Henderson,	P.D.D.G.M.,	as	Dep. G. Master.
" "	F. Richardson,		as	Grand Senior Warden.
" "	T. N. Carter,		as	" Junior "
" "	Rev. J. Hill,		as	" Chaplain.
" "	William Owens,		as	" Treasurer.
" "	Donald Ross,		as	" Registrar.
" "	Thomas Shannon,		as	" Secretary.
" "	G. E. Fraser,		as	" Senior Deacon.
" "	J. M. Platt,		as	" Junior "
V. W. Bro.	Henry T. Woods,		as	" Supt. of Works.
" "	R. A. Norman,		as	" Dir. of Cer.
" "	J. H. Allan,		as	" Pursuivant.
" "	P. McFadden,		as	" Tyler.
" "	J. L. McDonald,	}	as	" Stewards.
" "	B. A. Hubbs,			
" "	T. N. Vanblaricom,			
" "	John Wilmer,			

About one hundred and fifty brethren were present, hailing from the following Lodges, viz: Union, No. 9, Napanee; Moira, No. 11, Belleville; Prince Edward, No. 18, Picton; St. George's, No. 88, Owen Sound; Franck, No. 127, Frankford; Star in the East, No. 164, Wellington; and Minden, No. 253, Kingston.

A special Grand Lodge was opened in *firm* at 3 o'clock, p. m.

R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, who had been deputed by dispensation to represent the M. W. Grand Master, announced that this Special Communication had been convened for the purpose of laying the CORNER STONE of a building intended for the use of the "High and Public School" and "Masonic Hall," about to be erected in the town of Picton.

A procession was then formed, and proceeded to the site of the intended structure, preceded by the band of the 16th Batt. of V. M.

The ceremonies of laying the stone were impressively and ably performed by the acting Grand Master, in accordance with the antient usages of the Order.

The procession was reformed, and returned to the Lodge room.

The acting Grand Master, before closing, thanked the Brethren for their assistance in a few appropriate remarks.

The business of the Special Communication being ended, the Grand Lodge was closed in *firm* with solemn prayer.

THOS. B. HARRIS,

GRAND SEC.

# Grand Lodge of Canada.

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## PROCEEDINGS

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at Windsor, on Thursday, the 30th November, A.D. 1871, A. L. 5871.

### PRESENT :

R. W. Bro. John Tracy, D. D. G. M., acting Grand Master, assisted by the officers and members of the Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor, and a large number of visiting brethren.

A special Grand Lodge was opened in *form* at one o'clock, p. m.

R. W. Bro. J. Tracy having been requested to represent the M. W. Grand Master, informed the brethren assembled that this Special Communication had been called for the purpose of laying the CORNER STONE of the new "Central School Building" about to be erected in the town of Windsor.

A procession was formed, and marched up Windsor Avenue to the site of the School Building. At the corner of Chatham Street it was met by the teachers and children

of the several Protestant schools, who joined in the procession, simultaneously singing the following appropriate verses, composed for the occasion by Mr. J. C. Patterson, Inspector of Schools for the town.

Bid ye welcome heartily,  
 Brothers of the Mystic Tie,  
 While the trowel ye apply  
 To the stone ye lay.

May kind Providence look down  
 On us and our thriving town,  
 And with His approval crown  
 All our work to-day.

May the great Chief Architect  
 Bless the building we erect,  
 And the youthful minds direct  
 Who are nurtured there.

Long within these rising walls  
 Flourish learning's chosen halls:  
 Here may wisdom's gentle calls  
 Fruit of wisdom bear.

Here may pure ambition's fire  
 Rouse the son, to join the sire  
 In the race to which aspire  
 All the good and great.

May our children here be wrought  
 Into youths with learning fraught—  
 Men of free speech and free thought,  
 Bulwarks of the State.

Everywhere throughout our land,  
 May our youth, a noble band,  
 Prosper 'neath God's prospering hand,  
 Full of wit and worth;

Till they come to take their place  
 'Mid the nations, face to face,  
 Sons of the Canadian race,  
 Freemen of the North.

The ceremonies of laying the Corner Stone were performed in an able and impressive manner, and in accordance with the antient usages of the Order.

The procession reformed, and returned to the Lodge room.

The business of the Special Communication being ended, Grand Lodge was closed in form with solemn prayer.

THOS. B. HARRIS,

GRAND SEC.

# Grand Lodge of Canada.

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## PROCEEDINGS

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at Orillia, on Friday, the 24th day of May, A. D. 1872, A. L. 5872.

### PRESENT.

R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, D.D.G.M., acting Grand Master.

" "	Robert Ramsay,	as Deputy Grand Master
" "	T. S. Atkinson,	as Grand Senior Warden.
" "	Robert King,	as " Junior "
" "	Rev. R. H. Harris,	as " Chaplain.
" "	J. Hobley,	as " Treasurer.
" "	R. H. Cozzens,	as " Registrar.
" "	E. Robinson,	as " Secretary.
" "	Capt. DeGrassi,	as " Senior Deacon.
" "	E. B. Alport,	as " Junior "
" "	C. McInnes,	as " Supt. of Works.
" "	T. W. Newton,	as " Dir. of Cer.
" "	A. M. Empey,	as Asst. " Secretary.
" "	R. Mortimer,	as Asst. " Dir. of Cer.
" "	R. Mainer,	as " Organist.
" "	Geo. Barry,	as Asst. " "
" "	W. Morris,	as " Sword Bearer.
" "	G. H. Corbett,	as " Pursuivant.
" "	R. J. Jupp,	as " Tyler.

Bro. W. Ramsay,	} as Grand Stewards.
“ H. Sutherland,	
“ William Kelsey,	
“ R. Ross,	
“ J. World,	
“ G. M. Wilson,	

And a number of brethren hailing from the Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia.

A special Grand Lodge was opened in *form* at nine o'clock, a. m.

R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, D.D.G.M., having been deputed by the M. W. Grand Master to represent him on the occasion, announced to the brethren that this Special Communication of the members of Grand Lodge had been convened for the purpose of laying, with appropriate masonic ceremonies, the FOUNDATION STONE of “St. Paul’s” Episcopal Church, about to be erected in the village of Washago.

The brethren were formed in procession and marched to the wharf, and were conveyed to the village of Washago by the steamer “Ida Burton.” Upon arriving at the landing place the procession was again formed, and preceded by a band of music, marched to the site of the proposed new church.

The interesting ceremonies of laying the foundation stone were most efficiently performed by the acting Grand Master, in accordance with the ancient usages of the Order.

The procession was reformed, and returned to Orillia.

The business of the special Grand Lodge being finished, it was closed in *form* with solemn prayer.

THOS. B. HARRIS,

GRAND SEC.

# Grand Lodge of Canada.

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## PROCEEDINGS

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, in the city of Toronto, on Thursday, the 13th day of June, A. D. 1872, A. L. 5872.

### PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. James Seymour, Grand Master.

R.	"	"	Jas. K. Kerr, D.D.G.M.	as	Deputy Grand Master.
"	"	"	Allan McLean,		Grand Senior Warden.
"	"	"	R. P. Stephens,	"	Junior "
"	"	"	Rev. H. W. Davies,	as	Chaplain.
"	"	"	Richard Bull,	as	Treasurer.
"	"	"	J. B. Bickell,		Registrar.
"	"	"	Thos. Bird Harris,		Secretary.
V.	"	"	Wm. R. Harris,	as	Senior Deacon.
"	"	"	H. G. Summers,		Junior "
"	"	"	James Bain,	as	Supt. of Works.
R.	"	"	A. DeGrassi,	as	Dir. of Cer.
"	"	"	Fred. J. Menet,	as Asst.	Secretary.
V.	"	"	Charles Sharpe,	as Asst.	Dir. of Cer.
"	"	"	E. R. O'Brien,	as	Sword Bearer.
"	"	"	James M. Rogerson,	as	Organist.
"	"	"	N. L. Steiner,	as Asst.	"
"	"	"	Christopher Burrell,	as	Pursuivant.
"	"	"	John L. Dixon,	as	Tyler.

	W. Bro. A. R. Boswell,	}	as Grand Stewards.
	" " N. Gordon Bigelow,		
V.	" " W. C. Morrison,		
	" " W. H. Archer,		
	" " Bernard Saunders,		
	" " Wm. Jackes,		
"	" " R. Robinson,		
"	" " Geo. Hodgetts,		
	" " W. J. Morris,	}	
	" " T. F. Blackwood,		
R.	" " Kivas Tully, Rep. Grand Lodge of Ireland.		
M.	" " W. B. Simpson, Rep. Grand Orient of Italy.		
	" " C. J. Brydges, of Montreal.		
R.	" " Henry Robertson, Past Grand Junior Warden.		
"	" " David McLellan, Past Grand Registrar.		
"	" " James Grahame, P. G. D. Grand Lodge Scotland.		

With the Masters, Wardens, and about three hundred brethren hailing from the Lodges of the city of Toronto and neighborhood.

A Grand Lodge was opened in *Ample Form* at 12.30 o'clock, p. m.

The M. W. Grand Master informed the brethren assembled, that he had caused this Special Communication of Grand Lodge to be convened for the purpose of laying, with full masonic ceremonies, the CORNER STONE of the "New Union Railway Station" about being erected in the city of Toronto.

The brethren were placed under the charge of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

From the very unpropitious state of the weather, the procession could not be formed until two o'clock, p. m., at which hour, headed by the band of the Grand Trunk Railway Brigade, it marched through King Street to the site of the intended structure, where the imposing ceremonies of formally laying the corner stone were performed

in ample form by the M. W. Grand Master, in accordance with the time-honored usages of the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

During the ceremonies, C. J. Brydges, Esq., Managing Director of the Grand Trunk Railway, on behalf of the Union Station Company, presented the M. W. Grand Master with an elegant silver trowel with which to spread the cement. The presentation was suitably acknowledged by the Grand Master.

In the cavity of the stone were placed the current Coins of the country, a copy of the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada for 1871, copies of the Toronto daily newspapers, a copy of *The Craftsman*, and the scroll containing the particulars of the date of laying the stone, etc., etc.

The ceremonies being completed, three cheers were given for the Queen, the Grand Master, and C. J. Brydges, Esq.

The procession was reformed, and returned to the Masonic Hall.

R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, D. D. G. M., on behalf of the Toronto brethren, expressed thanks to the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Officers for their attendance, and at the same time extended a fraternal and courteous invitation to all present to partake of the hospitalities provided for the occasion.

The business of the Special Communication being ended, the Grand Lodge was closed in *Ample Form*.

THOS B. HARRIS,

GRAND SEC.

# Grand Lodge of Canada.



## PROCEEDINGS

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the town of Windsor, on the 24th day of June, A. D. 1872, A. L. 5872.

### PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, P. G. M.,	as Grand Master.
V. " " James Gibson,	as Grand Senior Warden.
" " A. Whittaker,	as " Junior "
" " George Grant,	as " Treasurer.
" " Thomas Burnie,	as " Secretary.
" " Joseph Hall,	as " Senior Deacon.
" " S. Blanning,	as " Junior "
" " — Griffiths,	as " Dir. of Cer.
" " Walter Shorland,	as " Tyler.
Bros. Craik, Ferguson,	} as " Stewards.
Cowley and Poole,	

And a large number of brethren hailing from Great Western Lodge, No. 47 ; St. George's Lodge, No. 41 ; Thistle Lodge, No. 34 ; and the Detroit city Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in **Due Form.**

The M. W. Bro. Wilson stated to the brethren assembled, that this Special Communication of Grand Lodge

had been convened for the purpose of laying, with appropriate masonic ceremonies, the FOUNDATION STONE of "St. John's" Episcopal Church, about to be erected at Sandwich.

A procession was formed, and proceeded to the site of the Church.

M. W. Bro. Wilson, as the representative of the Grand Master, with his officers and brethren in attendance, having taken up their respective stations, delivered an address on the principles of the Order, after which the stone was laid in accordance with the time-honored usages of the Order.

The business of this special Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed in *Due Form*.

THOS. B. HARRIS,

GRAND SEC

# Grand Lodge of Canada.

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## PROCEEDINGS

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the town of Napanee, on Saturday, the 9th day of July, A. D. 1872, A. L. 5872.

### PRESENT :

R. W. Bro. Thomas White, jr.,	D. G. M.,	as	Grand Master.
" " "	John Urquhart, D.D.G.M.,	as	Deputy G. Master
" " "	Frederick Richardson,	as	Grand Senior Warden
" " "	George Wright,	as	" Junior "
" " "	Rev. S. G. Stone,	as	" Chaplain.
" " "	Uriah Wilson,	as	" Treasurer.
" " "	Geo. A. Stevenson,	as	" Registrar.
" " "	B. S. Abrams,	as	" Secretary.
" " "	James C. Huffman,	as	" Senior Deacon.
" " "	W. Steven Gibson,	as	" Junior "
" " "	W. R. Chamberlain,	as	" Supt. of Works.
" " "	James Allen,	as	" Dir. of Cer.
" " "	J. J. Johnson,	as	" Organist.
" " "	H. L. Geddes,	as	" Pursuivant.
" " "	James Hervey,	as	" Tyler.
" " "	A. S. Hart,	} as	" Stewards.
" " "	D. H. Preston,		
" " "	J. J. Watson,		
" " "	Alfred Knight,		

And about two hundred brethren hailing from the Lodges in Napanee and surrounding neighborhood.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *Due Form* at High Twelve.

R. W. Bro. Thos. White, jun., Deputy Grand Master, representing the M. W. Grand Master, informed the brethren assembled that this Special Communication of Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of laying, with appropriate masonic ceremonies, the CORNER STONE of a new "Methodist Episcopal Church," about to be erected in the town of Napanee.

A procession was formed, and having been placed under the charge of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, proceeded to the site of the building.

The R. W. the Acting Grand Master, with his officers, having ascended the platform, delivered an eloquent address on the principles of Freemasonry, and then proceeded with the ceremonies of laying the corner stone in its place in accordance with the usages of the Order.

The procession was reformed, and returned to the Masonic Hall.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed in *Due Form*.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. B. Harris". The signature is written in a cursive style with long, sweeping strokes. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

GRAND SEC.



# Grand Lodge of Canada.

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## PROCEEDINGS

At the Seventeenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held in the Mechanics' Hall, in the city of Hamilton, commencing on Wednesday, the 10th day of July, A. D. 1872, A. L. 5872.

### PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, P. G. M., as Grand Master,		On the Throne.	
R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, P.D.D.G.M., as Dep. G. Master.			
" " " Allan McLean,		Grand Senior Warden.	
" " " R. P. Stephens,		" Junior "	
" " " Rev. Vincent Clementi, as		" Chaplain.	
" " " William McCabe,	as	" Treasurer.	
" " " J. B. Bickell,		" Registrar.	
" " " Thos. Bird Harris,		" Secretary.	
" " " David McLellan, P.G.R., as		" Senior Deacon.	
V. " " H. G. Summers,		" Junior "	
" " " Chauncy Bennett,		" Supt. of Works.	
" " " James Gibson,		" Dir. of Cer.	
" " " J. J. Mason,	Asst.	" Secretary.	
" " " John Dale,	Asst.	" Dir. of Cer.	
" " " James Bain, P.G.S.B., as		" Sword Bearer.	
" " " William Nivin, P.G.O., as		" Organist.	
" " " N. L. Steiner,	as Asst.	" "	
" " " A. Whittaker,	as	" Pursuivant.	
" " " W. W. Summers,		" Tyler.	

V. W. Bro.	William Carey,	} Grand Stewards.
" " "	W. L. P. Eager,	
" " "	J. B. Holden,	
" " "	T. B. Bain,	
" " "	W. S. Burnett,	

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	John Tracy,	St. Clair	District.
" " "	George Billington,	London	"
" " "	Peter J. Brown,	Wilson	"
" " "	Isaac F. Toms,	Huron	"
" " "	A. B. Petrie,	Wellington	"
" " "	E. Mitchell,	Hamilton	"
" " "	R. M. Willson,	Niagara	"
" " "	J. K. Kerr,	Toronto	"
" " "	John Wright,	Ontario	"
" " "	Eber C. Flint,	Prince Edward	"
" " "	E. C. Barber,	Ottawa	"
" " "	J. Urquhart, jr.,	Montreal	"
" " "	J. Erskine,	Bedford	"
" " "	John V. Noel,	Province Manitoba.	

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

R. W. Bro.	Kivas Tully,	Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.
M. " "	William M. Wilson,	Representative of the Grand Lodges of Illinois and Kentucky, and the Grand Orient of St. Domingo.
R. " "	Thos. B. Harris,	Representative of the Grand Lodges of Kansas, Tennessee, Missouri, Oregon, and of the Grand Orient of Lusitana, Lisbon, Portugal.
M. " "	A. A. Stevenson,	Representative of the Grand Orient of Brazil, and the Grand Lodges of Connecticut and Minnesota.
R. " "	Henry Macpherson,	Representative of the Grand Orient of Uruguay.
M. " "	W. B. Simpson,	Representative of the Grand Orient of Italy.

- R. W. Bro. Rev. Vincent Clementi, Representative of the  
Grand Orient of Chili.
- “ “ “ J. K. Kerr, Representative of the Grand Lodge  
of Texas.
- “ “ “ David McLellan, Representative of the Grand  
Lodge of Georgia.
- M. “ “ James Seymour, Representative of the Grand  
Lodge of Mississippi.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

- M. W. Bro. William M. Wilson, P. G. M.
- “ “ “ W. B. Simpson, “
- “ “ “ A. A. Stevenson, “
- R. “ “ C. D. Macdonnell, P. D. D. G. M.
- “ “ “ H. B. Bull, “ “
- “ “ “ C. Magill, “ “
- “ “ “ R. Bull, “ “
- “ “ “ S. B. Harman, “ “
- “ “ “ Thomas Ridout, “ “
- “ “ “ Æmilius Irving, “ “
- “ “ “ James Moffat, “ “
- “ “ “ John Parry, “ “
- “ “ “ F. Westlake, “ “
- “ “ “ Otto Klotz, “ “
- “ “ “ A. DeGrassi, “ “
- “ “ “ Robert Kincaid, “ “
- “ “ “ Thomas Matheson, “ “
- “ “ “ A. G. Macdonell, “ “
- “ “ “ T. F. Chamberlain, “ “
- “ “ “ C. Hendry, “ “
- “ “ “ John W. Murton, P. G. S. W.
- “ “ “ A. S. Kirkpatrick, “
- “ “ “ Aug. T. Houel, “
- “ “ “ Henry Macpherson, “
- “ “ “ Henry Robertson, P. G. J. W.
- “ “ “ Rev. Vincent Clementi, P. G. Chaplain.
- “ “ “ Daniel Spry, P. G. Registrar.

R. W. Bro.	David McLellan,	P. G. Registrar.
V. " "	E. R. O'Brien,	P. G. S. D.
" " "	W. W. Pringle,	P. G. J. D.
" " "	W. F. Biggar,	P. G. Supt. of Works.
" " "	Charles Sharpe,	P. G. Dir. of Cer.
" " "	W. T. Munday,	P. Asst. G. Sec.
" " "	R. Brierley,	" "
" " "	James Bain,	P. G. S. B.
" " "	W. Nivin,	P. G. Organist.
" " "	N. L. Steiner,	P. Asst. G. Organist.
" " "	J. Quigg,	P. G. Steward.
" " "	Robert Kemp,	"
" " "	George E. Bull,	"
" " "	W. S. Martin,	"
" " "	James Reynolds,	"
" " "	Samuel W. Flagler,	"
" " "	Thomas C. Macnabb,	"
" " "	Thomas Camm,	"

## PAST MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	John Urquhart, jr.	W. Bro.	A. J. Donly
" " "	R. M. Willson	M. " "	Wm. M. Wilson
" " "	C. D. Macdonnell	R. " "	Eber C. Flint
" " "	A. S. Kirkpatrick	" " "	S. B. Harman
" " "	James Wilson	" " "	Thomas Ridout
M. " "	A. A. Stevenson	" " "	Emilius Irving
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" " "	John W. Murton	" " "	Rev. E. W. Myers
" " "	C. Magill	R. " "	James Moffat
" " "	Richard Bull	" " "	Thos. Winnett
V. " "	W. T. Munday	" " "	M. D. Dawson
" " "	Richard Brierley	" " "	David McLellan
" " "	Wm. Irwin	" " "	Daniel Spry
" " "	Wm. Forbes	" " "	Aug. T. Houel
" " "	Robert Kemp	" " "	A. L. Skeele
" " "	W. F. Biggar	" " "	J. K. Kerr

R. W. Bro.	R. P. Stephens	V. W. Bro.	W. S. Burnett
" "	J. B. Traves	R. " "	Otto Klotz
V. " "	J. J. Mason	" "	H. Fred. Sharp
" "	W. W. Pringle	" "	John E. Harding
" "	Walter Kerr	" "	T. S. Shortt
" "	J. M. Wellington	M. " "	W. B. Simpson
R. " "	John Parry	R. " "	A. DeGrassi
" "	Joseph Hurssell	" "	F. J. Menet
" "	W. Anderson	V. " "	N. L. Steiner
" "	P. J. Brown	" "	T. B. Bain
" "	J. P. Campbell	" "	William Norris
" "	J. B. Bickell	" "	W. H. J. Wilson
" "	C. R. Smith	" "	W. D. Hammond
" "	Thos. B. Harris	" "	W. D. McGloghlon
" "	E. Allworth	R. " "	Geo. Billington
" "	F. Westlake	V. " "	W. S. Martin
" "	James S. Scarff	" "	James Somerville
" "	John Midgely	" "	D. M. Malloch
" "	James Carrie	" "	W. H. Archer
" "	H. McK. Wilson	R. " "	Kivas Tully
" "	John E. Brooke	" "	Henry Macpherson
V. " "	James Gibson	" "	Henry Robertson
" "	Sam'l W. Flagler	" "	John Nettleton
" "	Horace Merrill	" "	J. D. Henderson
R. " "	John Erskine	" "	J. S. Oldrieve
" "	James Gowans	" "	John Edgecombe
" "	William Wright	" "	A. L. Wilcox
" "	George Logan	" "	Alex. Williams
" "	E. C. Barber	" "	N. Greening
" "	Hugh Murray	M. " "	James Seymour
" "	E. Mitchell	" "	George Groves
" "	J. B. Holden	" "	John Dale
" "	D. E. Broderick	" "	James McGarry
V. " "	W. Carey	" "	John Bartle
" "	E. R. O'Brien	" "	Jacob Hartman
" "	Rev. E. Lounsbury	" "	W. G. Nellis
R. " "	Allan McLean	" "	Jas. M. Banghart
V. " "	George E. Bull	" "	D. B. Burch

	W. Bro. James O'Connor	V.W. Bro. Chauncey Bennett
	" " Joseph Purdy	" " Alex. Fraser
V.	" " James Reynolds	" " David Wilson
	" " A. W. Ferguson	" " George Risk
R.	" " Isaac F. Toms	" " Fred. Butcher
	" " A. McMichael	" " H. F. Smith
	" " J. Wright	R. " " A. B. Petrie
	" " Jno. S. Walker	V. " " Charles Sharpe
	" " Geo. W. Holwell	" " F. Mudge
V.	" " H. G. Summers	" " Geo. W. Pontine
	" " W. R. Jamison	" " Jno. G. McIntyre
	" " C. B. Heyd	" " F. A. Nelles
"	" " Thos. Rawlings	" " W. A. Chamberlain
	" " S. E. Mitchell	" " W. N. Barrie
	" " Seth Ashton	R. " " John Eskine
	" " M. Eacrett	" " F. E. Sills
"	" " J. L. P. Eager	" " John Tracy
	" " George Smith	" " John Watson
	" " G. R. Vanzant	" " H. B. O'Connor
"	" " John Boyd	" " E. A. Healy
R.	" " William McCabe	" " Geo. K. Chisholm
	" " Sam'l S. Clutton	" " W. F. Savage
"	" " T. Matheson	" " F. J. Zingg
"	" " A. G. Macdonell	" " J. W. MacEdward
"	" " T. F. Chamberlain	" " George B. Reeve
	" " John Gibson	" " Geo. W. Malloch
	" " Jesse V. Hoover	" " John Shapland
"	" " John Blacklock	" " J. A. Somerville
"	" " Charles Hendry	R. " " Jno. V. Noel
	" " W. Oliver	" " P. Geraghty
	" " James Sutton	" " Samuel Smith
"	" " Charles Cameron	V. " " Thos. C. Macnabb
V.	" " Thomas Camm	" " Adam Cranston
	" " Ralph Hodgson	" " David Trotter
V.	" " Sam'l W. Flagler	" " Wm. Carruthers
	" " W. Kerns	" " Fred. Richardson
	" " W. J. Simcoe Kerr	" " A. S. Abbott
	" " John Cascaden	

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada was opened in *Due Form* at 3 o'clock, p. m.

The Board of General Purposes, as required by the Constitution, appointed R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonnell, V. W. Bros. R. Brierley and T. B. Bain, a Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, who reported the following as being present, viz.:

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|        | <i>Lodge of Antiquity, Montreal, Que.</i> |
|        | Bro. Joseph Mitchell, J. W.               |
|        | R. W. " John Urquhart, jun'r, P. M.       |
| No. 1. | <i>Prevost Lodge, Dunham, Que.</i>        |
|        | Bro. E. Brown, S. W.                      |
| No. 2. | <i>Niagara Lodge, Niagara, Ont.</i>       |
|        | W. Bro. David Thornburn, W. M.            |
|        | R. " " R. M. Willson, P. M.               |
| No. 3. | <i>St. John's Lodge, Kingston, Ont.</i>   |
|        | R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonnell, P. M.        |
|        | " " " Alex. S. Kirkpatrick, P. M.         |
|        | " " " James Wilson, P. M.                 |
| No. 4. | <i>Dorchester Lodge, St. John's, Que.</i> |
|        | M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Proxy.        |
| No. 5. | <i>Sussex Lodge, Brockville, Ont.</i>     |
|        | V. W. Bro. J. Quigg, P. M. and Proxy.     |
| No. 6. | <i>Barton Lodge, Hamilton, Ont.</i>       |
|        | W. Bro. Gavin Stewart, W. M.              |
|        | " S. F. Lazier, S. W.                     |
|        | " Reginald Kennedy, J. W.                 |
|        | R. " " Harcourt B. Bull, P. M.            |
|        | " " " Jno. W. Murton, P. M.               |
|        | " " " Charles Magill, P. M.               |
|        | " " " Richard Bull, P. M.                 |
|        | V. " " W. T. Munday, P. M.                |
|        | " " " Richard Brierley, P. M.             |
|        | " " " William Irwin, P. M.                |
| No. 7. | <i>Union Lodge, Grimsby, Ont.</i>         |
|        | W. Bro. William Forbes, W. M.             |
|        | V. " " W. F. Biggar, P. M.                |
|        | " " " Robert Kemp, P. M.                  |

- No. 8. *Nelson Lodge, Phillipsburg, Que.*  
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Proxy.
- No. 9. *Union Lodge, Napanee, Ont.*  
W. Bro. G. A. Wright, W. M.
- No. 10. *Norfolk Lodge, Simcoe, Ont.*  
W. Bro. A. J. Donly, W. M.  
" Robert Rochester, S. W.  
M. " " William M. Wilson, P. M.
- No. 11. *Moirs Lodge, Belleville, Ont.*  
W. Bro. James Mackie, W. M.  
R. " " Eber C. Flint, P. M.
- No. 14. *True Britons' Lodge, Perth, Ont.*  
W. Bro. J. F. Kennedy, W. M.
- No. 15. *St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines, Ont.*  
Bro. E. Netherway, S. W.  
" W. Dougan, J. W.
- No. 16. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*  
Bro. W. L. Wilkinson, S. W.  
R. W. " S. B. Harman, P. M.  
" " " Thomas Ridout, P. M.  
" " " Æmilius Irving, P. M.  
V. " " James Bain, P. M.  
" " George Hodgetts, P. M.
- No. 17. *St. John's Lodge, Cobourg, Ont.*  
R. W. Bro. J. Wright, Proxy.
- No. 18. *Prince Edward's Lodge, Picton, Ont.*  
Bro. John H. Richards, S. W.
- No. 19. *St. George's Lodge, Montreal, Que.*  
Bro. John Street, S. W.  
M. " " A. A. Stevenson, P. M.  
" " Rev. E. W. Myers, P. M.
- No. 20. *St. John's Lodge, London, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Robert Wallace, W. M.  
" William Kollmyer, J. W.  
R. " " James Moffat, P. M.  
" " Thomas Winnett, P. M.  
" " M. D. Dawson, P. M.
- No. 21. *Zetland Lodge, Montreal, Que.*  
W. Bro. J. G. A. LeBlanc, W. M.
- No. 22. *King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*  
R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, W. M.  
" " " Aug. T. Houel, P. M.  
" " " David McLellan, P. M.
- No. 23. *Richmond Lodge, Richmond Hill, Ont.*  
W. Bro. A. L. Skeele, P. M. and Proxy.

- No. 25. *Ionic Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Rev. H. W. Davies, W. M.  
R. " " J. K. Kerr, P. M.  
" " " R. P. Stephens, P. M.
- No. 26. *Ontario Lodge, Port Hope, Ont.*  
W. Bro. J. B. Traves, W. M.  
" E. Peplow, jun'r, S. W.
- No. 27. *Strict Observance Lodge, Hamilton, Ont.*  
W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, W. M.  
V. " " J. J. Mason, P. M.  
" " " W. W. Pringle, P. M.
- No. 28. *Mount Zion Lodge, Kemptrville, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Walter Kerr, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 29. *United Lodge, Brighton, Ont.*  
W. Bro. J. M. Wellington, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 30. *Composite Lodge, Whitby, Ont.*  
Bro. Adam Borrowman, J. W.
- No. 32. *Amity Lodge, Dunnville, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Charles E. S. Black, W. M.  
R. " " John Parry, P. M.
- No. 33. *Goderich Lodge, Goderich, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Joseph Beck, W. M.
- No. 35. *St. John's Lodge, Cayuga, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Joseph Hurssell, P. M.
- No. 36. *Welland Lodge, Fonthill, Ont.*  
W. Bro. W. Anderson, W. M.
- No. 37. *King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Charles H. Sorley, W. M.  
" F. G. Lewis, J. W.  
R. " " Peter J. Brown, P. M.
- No. 39. *Mount Zion Lodge, Brooklin, Ont.*  
W. Bro. J. P. Campbell, W. M.  
R. " " John B. Bickell, P. M.
- No. 40. *St. John's Lodge, Hamilton, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Charles R. Smith, W. M.  
R. " " Thos. B. Harris, P. M.  
" " Jno. G. McIntyre, P. M.
- No. 41. *St. George's Lodge, Kingsville, Ont.*  
W. Bro. E. Allworth, W. M.
- No. 42. *St. George's Lodge, London, Ont.*  
W. Bro. T. A. Balkwill, W. M.  
R. " " F. Westlake, P. M.

- No. 43. *King Solomon's Lodge, Woodstock, Ont.*  
 W. Bro. James S. Scarff, W. M.  
 " Robert McLeod, S. W.  
 " R. M. Revell, J. W.
- No. 44. *St. Thomas Lodge, St. Thomas, Ont.*  
 W. Bro. John Midgeley, W. M.  
 " " James Carrie, P. M.
- No. 45. *Brant Lodge, Brantford, Ont.*  
 W. Bro. H. McK. Wilson, W. M.  
 " Thomas Robson, S. W.  
 " E. Kester, J. W.
- No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham, Ont.*  
 W. Bro. John H. Luscombe, W. M.  
 " William Young, S. W.  
 " John H. West, J. W.  
 R. " " John E. Brooke, P. M.
- No. 47. *Great Western Lodge, Windsor, Ont.*  
 V. W. Bro. James Gibson, W. M.  
 " A. Whittaker, S. W.  
 " Thomas Burnie, J. W.
- No. 48. *Madoc Lodge, Madoc, Ont.*  
 R. W. Bro. Eben C. Flint, Proxy.
- No. 50. *Consecon Lodge, Consecon, Ont.*  
 W. Bro. Samuel W. Flagler, Proxy.
- No. 52. *Dalhousie Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*  
 W. Bro. Horace Merrill, P. M.
- No. 53. *Shefford Lodge, Waterloo, Que.*  
 W. Bro. C. Skinner, W. M.  
 " W. A. Lay, J. W.  
 R. " " John Erskine, P. M.
- No. 54. *Vaughan Lodge, Maple, Ont.*  
 R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Proxy.
- No. 56. *Victoria Lodge, Sarnia, Ont.*  
 W. Bro. James Gowans, W. M.
- No. 57. *Harmony Lodge, Binbrook, Ont.*  
 W. Bro. John Simpson, W. M.  
 " " William Wright, P. M.
- No. 58. *Doric Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*  
 Bro. W. H. Baldwin, S. W.
- No. 59. *Corinthian Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*  
 W. Bro. George Logan, W. M.  
 R. " " Edward C. Barber, P. M.

- No. 61. *Acacia Lodge, Hamilton, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Hugh Murray, W. M.  
" F. A. Gardner, J. W.  
R. " " E. Mitchell, P. M.
- No. 62. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia, Ont.*  
W. Bro. James Old, jun'r, W. M.  
V. " " J. B. Holden, P. M.  
" " D. E. Broderick, P. M.
- No. 63. *St. John's Lodge, Carleton Place, Ont.*  
R. W. Bro. E. C. Barber, Proxy.
- No. 64. *Kilwinning Lodge, London, Ont.*  
W. Bro. H. A. Baxter, W. M.  
V. " " W. Carey, P. M.
- No. 65. *Rehoboth Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*  
W. Bro. N. Gordon Bigelow, W. M.  
" J. B. Nixon, S. W.  
" W. H. Frazer, J. W.  
R. " " Daniel Spry, P. M.  
V. " " E. R. O'Brien, P. M.
- No. 68. *St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Rev. E. Lounsbury, W. M.  
" John Kerr, S. W.  
R. " " Allan McLean, P. M.
- No. 69. *Stirling Lodge, Stirling, Ont.*  
V. W. Bro. George E. Bull, W. M.
- No. 72. *Alma Lodge, Galt, Ont.*  
W. Bro. W. S. Burnett, W. M.  
" John Allan, S. W.  
" John Cavers, J. W.  
R. " " Otto Klotz, P. M.
- No. 73. *St. James Lodge, St. Mary's, Ont.*  
W. Bro. H. Fred. Sharp, W. M.  
" E. W. Harding, S. W.  
" " T. S. Shortt, P. M.  
" " John E. Harding, P. M.
- No. 74. *St. James Lodge, Maitland, Ont.*  
M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, Proxy.
- No. 75. *St. John's Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Bernard Saunders, W. M.  
R. " " A. DeGrassi, P. M.  
" " F. J. Menet, P. M.  
V. " " N. L. Steiner, P. M.
- No. 76. *Oxford Lodge, Woodstock, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Robert Stark, W. M.

- No. 78. *King Hiram Lodge, Tilsonburg, Ont.*  
W. Bro. T. B. Bain, P. M. and Proxy.  
" " William Norris, P. M.
- No. 79. *Simcoe Lodge, Bradford, Ont.*  
W. Bro. W. H. Walker, W. M.  
" " W. H. J. Wilson, P. M.
- No. 80. *Albion Lodge, Newbury, Ont.*  
W. Bro. W. D. Hammond, W. M.  
" " W. D. McGlochon, P. M.
- No. 81. *St. John's Lodge, Mt. Brydges, Ont.*  
R. W. Bro. George Billington, W. M.  
" William Lundie, S. W.
- No. 82. *St. John's Lodge, Paris, Ont.*  
W. Bro. W. S. Martin, W. M.  
" J. Walker, S. W.  
" C. Flanagan, J. W.
- No. 83. *Beaver Lodge, Strathroy, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Jas. C. Small, W. M.  
" James Noble, J. W.  
" " James Sommerville, P. M.
- No. 84. *Clinton Lodge, Clinton, Ont.*  
W. Bro. D. M. Malloch, W. M.
- No. 85. *Rising Sun Lodge, Farmersville, Ont.*  
W. Bro. J. Quigg, Proxy.
- No. 86. *Wilson Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*  
W. Bro. W. H. Archer, W. M.  
" Joseph Howson, S. W.  
R. " " Kivas Tully, P. M.
- No. 88. *St. George's Lodge, Owen Sound, Ont.*  
R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 90. *Manito Lodge, Collingwood, Ont.*  
W. Bro. John Nettleton, W. M.  
R. " " Henry Robertson, P. M.
- No. 91. *Colborne Lodge, Colborne, Ont.*  
W. Bro. J. D. Henderson, P. M.
- No. 92. *Cataraqui Lodge, Kingston, Ont.*  
W. Bro. J. S. Oldrieve, P. M.
- No. 94. *St. Mark's Lodge, Port Stanley, Ont.*  
W. Bro. John Edgecombe, Proxy.
- No. 95. *Ridout Lodge, Otterville, Ont.*  
W. Bro. A. L. Wilcox, W. M.
- No. 97. *Sharon Lodge, Sharon, Ont.*  
Bro. A. Doan, S. W.  
" Absalom Wilson, J. W.

- No. 99. *Tuscan Lodge, Newmarket, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Alex. Williams, W. M.
- No. 100. *Valley Lodge, Dundas, Ont.*  
W. Bro. N. Greening, W. M.  
" A. H. Walker, S. W.  
" W. C. Niblett, J. W.
- No. 101. *Corinthian Lodge, Peterboro', Ont.*  
Bro. Walter Beal, S. W.  
R. W. " Rev. V. Clementi, P. M.  
" " Robert Kincaid, P. M.
- No. 103. *Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharines, Ont.*  
W. Bro. P. McCarthy, W. M.  
M. " " James Seymour, P. M.  
" " George Grooves, P. M.  
" " John Dale, P. M.
- No. 104. *St. John's Lodge, Norwichville, Ont.*  
W. Bro. L. F. Bungay, W. M.
- No. 105. *St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville, Ont.*  
W. Bro. James McGarry, W. M.  
" " John Bartle, P. M.  
" " Jacob Hartman, P. M.
- No. 106. *Burford Lodge, Burford, Ont.*  
W. Bro. W. G. Nellis, W. M.
- No. 107. *St. Paul's Lodge, Lambeth, Ont.*  
W. Bro. James M. Banghart, P. M. and Proxy.  
" " D. B. Burch, P. M.  
" " James O'Connor, P. M.
- No. 109. *Albion Lodge, Harrowsmith, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Joseph Purdy, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 110. *Central Lodge, Prescott, Ont.*  
V. W. Bro. James Reynolds, P. M. and Proxy.  
" " A. W. Ferguson, P. M.
- No. 111. *Morpeth Lodge, Ridgetown, Ont.*  
Bro. David H. Bedford, S. W.
- No. 112. *Muilland Lodge, Goderich, Ont.*  
R. W. Bro. Isaac F. Toms, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 113. *Wilson Lodge, Waterford, Ont.*  
W. Bro. A. McMichael, W. M.
- No. 114. *Hope Lodge, Port Hope, Ont.*  
W. Bro. John Wright, W. M.  
" A. Parslow, S. W.
- No. 115. *Ivy Lodge, Beamsville, Ont.*  
W. Bro. John S. Walker, W. M.  
" George Walker, J. W.

- No. 116. *Cassia Lodge, Widder, Ont.*  
W. Bro. George W. Holwell, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 118. *Union Lodge, Schomberg, Ont.*  
Bro. William Nelson, J. W.  
V. " " H. G. Summers, P. M.  
" " W. R. Jamison, P. M.
- No. 119. *Maple Leaf Lodge, Bath, Ont.*  
W. Bro. J. J. Johnston, W. M.
- No. 120. *Warren Lodge, Fingal, Ont.*  
W. Bro. John Edgecombe, Proxy.
- No. 121. *Doric Lodge, Brantford, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Charles B. Heyd, W. M.  
" J. W. Digby, S. W.  
V. " " Thomas Rawlings, P. M.
- No. 122. *Renfrew Lodge, Renfrew, Ont.*  
R. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, Proxy.
- No. 123. *The Belleville Lodge, Belleville, Ont.*  
W. Bro. James Smith, W. M.
- No. 125. *Cornwall Lodge, Cornwall, Ont.*  
W. Bro. A. MacLean, W. M.
- No. 128. *Pembroke Lodge, Pembroke, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Wm. R. White, W. M.  
" A. Ansell, J. W.  
" " S. E. Mitchell, P. M.
- No. 129. *The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Seth Ashton, P. M.
- No. 133. *Lebanon Forest Lodge, Franceston, Ont.*  
W. Bro. J. W. Broderick, W. M.  
" " M. Eacrett, P. M.
- No. 135. *St. Clair Lodge, Milton, Ont.*  
Bro. J. A. Frazer, S. W.  
" J. D. Matheson, J. W.  
V. W. " W. L. P. Eager, P. M.  
" " George Smith, P. M.
- No. 136. *Richardson Lodge, Stouffville, Ont.*  
W. Bro. G. R. Vanzart, W. M.  
" Lewis Jones, J. W.
- No. 139. *Lebanon Lodge, Oshawa, Ont.*  
V. W. Bro. John Boyd, W. M.  
R. " " William McCabe, P. M.
- No. 140. *Malahide Lodge, Aylmer, Ont.*  
W. Bro. M. J. Kerr, W. M.  
" " Samuel S. Clutton, P. M.

- No. 141. *Tudor Lodge, Mitchell, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Jno. Abbott, W. M.  
" Wm. Sedgwick, J. W.  
R. " " Thomas Matheson, P. M.
- No. 142. *Excelsior Lodge, Morrisburg, Ont.*  
W. Bro. S. B. Fell, W. M.  
R. " " A. G. Macdonell, P. M.  
" " " T. F. Chamberlain, P. M.
- No. 144. *Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford, Ont.*  
W. Bro. John Gibson, W. M.
- No. 145. *J. B. Hall Lodge, Millbrook, Ont.*  
R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonnell, Proxy.
- No. 146. *Prince of Wales Lodge, Newburg, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Peter Johnson, W. M.
- No. 148. *Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*  
Bro. Henry J. Morgan, S. W.
- No. 149. *Erie Lodge, Port Dover, Ont.*  
Bro. Silas Hoover, S. W.  
W. " Jesse V. Hoover, P. M.
- No. 150. *Hastings Lodge, Hastings, Ont.*  
W. Bro. David Brownlee, W. M.  
" " John Blacklock, P. M.
- No. 151. *The Grand River Lodge, Berlin, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Adam Murray, W. M.  
R. " " Charles Hendry, P. M.
- No. 153. *Burns Lodge, Wyoming, Ont.*  
W. Bro. W. Oliver, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 154. *Irving Lodge, Lucan, Ont.*  
W. Bro. James Sutton, W. M.
- No. 155. *Peterborough Lodge, Peterboro', Ont.*  
Bro. James Millar, J. W.  
W. " Charles Cameron, P. M.
- No. 156. *York Lodge, Davisville, Ont.*  
Bro. William Norris, S. W.
- No. 157. *Simpson Lodge, Newboro', Ont.*  
V. W. Bro. Thomas Camm, P. M.
- No. 158. *Alexandra Lodge, Oil Springs, Ont.*  
W. Bro. David Trotter, Proxy.
- No. 162. *Forest Lodge, Wroxeter, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Ralph Hodgson, W. M.
- No. 164. *Star in the East Lodge, Wellington, Ont.*  
V. W. Bro. Samuel W. Flagler, W. M.

- No. 165. *Burlington Lodge, Wellington Square, Ont.*  
W. Bro. William Kerns, W. M.  
" B. Eager, J. W.  
" " W. J. Simcoe Kerr, P. M.
- No. 168. *Merritt Lodge, Welland, Ont.*  
W. Bro. James Bridges, W. M.
- No. 170. *Britannia Lodge, Seaford, Ont.*  
Bro. James Hall, J. W.
- No. 171. *Prince of Wales Lodge, Iona, Ont.*  
W. Bro. John Edgecombe, W. M.  
" " John Cascaden, P. M.
- No. 172. *Ayr Lodge, Ayr, Ont.*  
Bro. A. H. Kay, J. W.  
W. " John Watson, P. M.
- No. 173. *Victoria Lodge, Montreal, Que.*  
V. W. Bro. William Nivin, W. M.
- No. 174. *Walsingham Lodge, Port Rowan, Ont.*  
V. W. Bro. Chauncey Bennett, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 176. *Spartan Lodge, Sparta, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Alex. Fraser, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 177. *The Builders' Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Gustav Levin, W. M.  
" " David Wilson, P. M.
- No. 178. *Plattsville Lodge, Plattsville, Ont.*  
W. Bro. George Risk, W. M.  
" " Frederick Butcher, P. M.
- No. 179. *Bothwell Lodge, Bothwell, Ont.*  
W. Bro. H. F. Smith, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 180. *Speed Lodge, Guelph, Ont.*  
R. W. Bro. A. B. Petrie, W. M.  
" W. D. Hepburn, S. W.  
V. " " Charles Sharpe, P. M.  
" " F. Mudge, P. M.
- No. 181. *Oriental Lodge, Port Burwell, Ont.*  
W. Bro. George W. Pontine, W. M.
- No. 183. *Prince Albert Lodge, Prince Albert, Ont.*  
W. Bro. John Currie, W. M.
- No. 184. *Old Light Lodge, Lucknow, Ont.*  
W. Bro. John S. Tennant, W. M.
- No. 185. *Enniskillen Lodge, York, Ont.*  
W. Bro. F. A. Nelles, P. M. and Proxy.

- No. 186. *Plantagenet Lodge, Plantagenet, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Henry Smith, W. M.  
" " W. A. Chamberlain, P. M.  
" " W. N. Barrie, P. M.
- No. 187. *Royal Canadian Lodge, Sweetsburg, Que.*  
R. W. Bro. John Erskine, Proxy.
- No. 189. *Filius Viduæ Lodge, Adolphustown, Ont.*  
Bro. Peter D. Davis, S. W.  
W. " J. E. Sills, P. M.
- No. 190. *Belmont Lodge, Belmont, Ont.*  
R. W. Bro. F. Westlake, Proxy.
- No. 192. *Orillia Lodge, Orillia, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Thomas S. Skinner, W. M.
- No. 193. *Scotland Lodge, Scotland, Ont.*  
W. Bro. H. F. Teeter, W. M.
- No. 194. *Petrolia Lodge, Petrolia, Ont.*  
W. Bro. John Sinclair, W. M.  
" W. E. Reynolds, S. W.  
R. " " John Tracy, P. M.
- No. 195. *The Tuscan Lodge, London, Ont.*  
R. W. Bro. James Moffat, P. M.
- No. 197. *Saugeen Lodge, Walkerton, Ont.*  
W. Bro. James Hargreaves, W. M.  
" " H. B. O'Connor, P. M.  
" " E. A. Healy, P. M.
- No. 198. *White Oak Lodge, Oakville, Ont.*  
W. Bro. C. W. Pearce, W. M.  
" W. E. Hagaman, J. W.  
" " George K. Chisholm, P. M.
- No. 200. *St. Alban's Lodge, Mt. Forest, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Thomas Swan, W. M.  
" John McLaren, S. W.  
" Alex. Gow, J. W.
- No. 201. *Leeds Lodge, Gananoque, Ont.*  
W. Bro. W. B. Carroll, W. M.
- No. 202. *Mount Royal Lodge, Montreal, Que.*  
R. W. Bro. John Urquhart, jun'r, Proxy.
- No. 203. *Irvine Lodge, Elora, Ont.*  
W. Bro. W. F. Savage, W. M.  
" Francis Dalby, S. W.  
" John McDonald, J. W.  
R. " " A. B. Petrie, P. M.

- No. 205.      *New Dominion Lodge, New Hamburg, Ont.*  
W. Bro. John Moran, W. M.  
" " F. J. Zingg, P. M.
- No. 207.      *Lancaster Lodge, Lancaster, Ont.*  
W. Bro. J. W. MacEdward, W. M.  
" A. Cameron, S. W.
- No. 209.      *Evergreen Lodge, Lanark, Ont.*  
W. Bro. J. F. Kennedy, Proxy.
- No. 210.      *Hawkesbury Lodge, Hawkesbury, Ont.*  
W. Bro. W. A. Chamberlain, Proxy.
- No. 211.      *Brome Lake Lodge, Knowlton, Que.*  
W. Bro. Albert E. Kimball, W. M.
- No. 212.      *Elysian Lodge, Garden Island.*  
Bro. G. F. Charles, S. W.
- No. 213.      *Dominion Lodge, Ridgeway, Ont.*  
Bro. Lorenz Nagel, S. W.
- No. 214.      *Craig Lodge, Ailsa Craig, Ont.*  
W. Bro. William Matheson, W. M.
- No. 215.      *Lake Lodge, Ameliasburg, Ont.*  
R. W. Bro. E. C. Flint, Proxy.
- No. 216.      *Hurris Lodge, Orangeville, Ont.*  
Bro. R. H. McKitrick, S. W.
- No. 217.      *Frederick Lodge, Delhi, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Joseph Boice, W. M.  
" J. E. Ross, S. W.
- No. 218.      *Stevenson Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*  
Bro. J. G. Burns, S. W.  
" G. W. Chanter, J. W.
- No. 219.      *Credit Lodge, Georgetown, Ont.*  
W. Bro. M. H. Starr, W. M.
- No. 220.      *Zeredatha Lodge, Uxbridge, Ont.*  
W. Bro. W. E. Gould, W. M.
- No. 221.      *Mountain Lodge, Thorold, Ont.*  
W. Bro. John Dale, P. M.  
" " George E. Bull, P. M.
- No. 222.      *Marmora Lodge, Marmora, Ont.*  
W. Bro. D. Fitchett, W. M.
- No. 223.      *Norwood Lodge, Norwood, Ont.*  
Bro. P. P. Cope, S. W.
- No. 225.      *Bernard Lodge, Listowel, Ont.*  
Bro. George Hess, S. W.

- No. 226. *Mount Moriah Lodge, Montreal, Que.*  
W. Bro. John MacLean, W. M.
- No. 229. *Ionic Lodge, Brampton, Ont.*  
Bro. J. P. Clarke, J. W.
- No. 230. *Kerr Lodge, Bell Ewart, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Jno. W. H. Wilson, Proxy.
- No. 231. *Lodge of Fidelity, Ottawa, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Gustav Levin, Proxy.
- No. 232. *Cameron Lodge, Wallacetown, Ont.*  
W. Bro. D. G. Ruthorn, W. M.  
" " John Edgecombe, P. M.
- No. 233. *Doric Lodge, Park Hill, Ont.*  
W. Bro. William Caw, W. M.  
" " G. B. Reeve, P. M.
- No. 234. *Beaver Lodge, Clarksburg, Ont.*  
R. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, Proxy.
- No. 235. *Aldworth Lodge, Paisley, Ont.*  
W. Bro. George W. Malloch, W. M.
- No. 236. *Manitoba Lodge, Bondhead, Ont.*  
W. Bro. James St. Clair, W. M.  
" " W. R. Jamison, P. M.
- No. 237. *Vienna Lodge, Vienna, Ont.*  
W. Bro. George W. Pontine, Proxy.
- No. 238. *Havelock Lodge, Watford, Ont.*  
W. Bro. J. A. Sommerville, W. M.
- No. 239. *Tweed Lodge, Tweed, Ont.*  
R. W. Bro. E. C. Flint, Proxy.
- No. 240. *Prince Rupert's Lodge, Winnipeg, Man.*  
R. W. Bro. John V. Noel, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 243. *St. George Lodge, St. George, Ont.*  
W. Bro. E. E. Kitchen, W. M.  
" Benjamin Bell, S. W.
- No. 244. *Lisgar Lodge, Mapleton, Man.*  
R. W. Bro. John V. Noel, Proxy.
- No. 245. *Tecumseh Lodge, Thamesville, Ont.*  
W. Bro. David H. Bedford, Proxy.
- No. 246. *Union of Strict Observance Lodge, Montreal, Que.*  
Bro. J. C. Thurston, J. W.
- No. 247. *Ashlar Lodge, Yorkville, Ont.*  
W. Bro. T. F. Blackwood, W. M.

- No. 248. *Eureka Lodge, Pakenham, Ont.*  
R. W. Bro. E. C. Barber, Proxy.
- No. 249. *Caledonia Lodge, Angus, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Alexander Cooper, W. M.
- No. 250. *Thistle Lodge, Embro, Ont.*  
Bro. Hector Sutherland, J. W.
- No. 253. *Minden Lodge, Kingston, Ont.*  
W. Bro. J. Greenfield, W. M.  
" Samuel Woods, S. W.  
" " P. Geraghty, P. M.
- No. 254. *Clifton Lodge, Clifton, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Samuel Smith, W. M.
- No. 255. *Sydenham Lodge, Dresden, Ont.*  
V. W. Bro. Thomas C. Macnabb, W. M.
- No. 256. *Farran's Point Lodge, Farran's Point, Ont.*  
R. W. Bro. A. G. Macdonell, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 257. *Galt Lodge, Galt, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Adam Cranston, W. M.
- No. 258. *Guelph Lodge, Guelph, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Hugh Walker, W. M.  
" A. C. Chadwick, J. W.  
V. " " Charles Sharpe, P. M.
- No. 259. *Springfield Lodge, Springfield, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Caleb T. Burdick, W. M.
- No. 260. *Washington Lodge, Petrolia, Ont.*  
W. Bro. David Trotter, W. M.

## UNDER DISPENSATION.

- Oak Branch Lodge, Innerkip, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Robert Stark, W. M.
- Forest Lodge, Forest, Ont.*  
W. Bro. T. S. Shortt, W. M.
- Chaudiere Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*  
W. Bro. Horace Merrill, W. M.
- Patterson Lodge, Concord, Ont.*  
Bro. John Kirby, J. W.
- Northern Light Lodge, Stayner, Ont.*  
Bro. R. B. Hannah, S. W.
- Parthenon Lodge, Chatham, Ont.*  
W. Bro. A. D. Bogart, W. M.  
" W. H. Ballard, S. W.  
" W. J. Howard, J. W.

*Verulam Lodge, Bobcaygeon, Ont.*

W. Bro. John Kennedy, W. M.

*Brougham Union Lodge, Brougham, Ont.*

W. Bro. J. P. Campbell, W. M.

*Wellington Lodge, Erin, Ont.*

W. Bro. David Kirkwood, W. M.

*Seymour Lodge, Ancaster, Ont.*

W. Bro. William Dewar, W. M.

*Teeswater Lodge, Teeswater, Ont.*

W. Bro. H. B. O'Connor, W. M.

*Mystic Lodge, Roslin, Ont.*

W. Bro. E. B. Fralick, W. M.

*New Hope Lodge, Hespeler, Ont.*

Bro. R. Clayton, J. W.

*Kent Lodge, Blenheim, Ont.*

W. Bro. William Carruthers, W. M.

*Mount Sinai Lodge, Napanee, Ont.*

W. Bro. Fred. Richardson, W. M.

*Thorne Lodge, Holland Landing, Ont.*

W. Bro. Alex. Williams, W. M.

\* *Seymour Lodge, Alliston, Ont.*

W. Bro. Thomas Sargent, W. M.

#### AFFILIATED.

*St. John's Lodge, London, Ont.*

W. Bro. John Shapland, W. M.

" " A. S. Abbott, P. M.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Credentials was received and adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing to the visitors' gallery.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

\* Name changed to "Seven Star."—G. Sec.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, when

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. Vincent Clementi, seconded by R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, and

RESOLVED,—That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at its Sixteenth Annual Communication, held at the city of Ottawa on the 12th, 13th and 14th days of July, A. D. 1871, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to the subordinate Lodges, the same be considered as read and now confirmed.

The Grand Secretary read the minutes of the following Special Communications, viz.:

At Shannonville, held on the 15th day of August, A. D. 1871, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a new Masonic Hall.

At the town of Picton, held on the 16th day of August, A. D. 1871, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a High and Public School and Masonic Hall.

At the town of Windsor, held on the 30th day of November, A. D. 1871, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Central School.

At Orillia, held on the 24th day of May, A. D. 1872, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Washago.

At the city of Toronto, held on the 13th day of June, A. D. 1872, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new Union Railway Station.

At the town of Windsor, held on the 24th day of June, A. D. 1872, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of St. John's Episcopal Church at Sandwich.

At the town of Napanee, held on the 9th day of July, A. D. 1872, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a new Methodist Episcopal Church.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, seconded by R. W. Bro. John Tracy, and

RESOLVED,—That the minutes of the several Special Communications just read be confirmed.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson informed the brethren that he had been requested by the M. W. Grand Master to open and proceed with the business of Grand Lodge until the evening session, by which time he hoped to be sufficiently recovered from an attack of asthma as to be in Grand Lodge, and would then deliver his address.

The following address of the M. W. Grand Master, although delivered at the evening session, is inserted here, its usual place.

### ADDRESS.

Brethren of Grand Lodge :

Having again been permitted by the G. A. O. T. U. to assemble together in Annual Communication, let us, before entering upon our important duties, implore His blessing upon our labors. May He give us wisdom to comprehend, judgment to define, and strength of mind to carry out the true principles of Freemasonry. May the beauty of harmony and peace characterize all our deliberations ; and may He consecrate this our mission to the honor and glory of His most holy name.

### DISPENSATIONS.

During my year of office, I issued the large number of twenty-one dispensations for the formation of new Lodges. It would be unnecessary to add anything to this statement, if numbers alone were a certain evidence of success ; but since other elements are essential to real prosperity, I am happy to be able to state that after strict enquiry, I have found the applicants for dispensations to be zealous and earnest Masons, and that the fields of their

operations promise to be productive of excellent material. I have, therefore, every reason to believe that, by the establishment of these several Lodges, the craft will receive additional strength.

The names of the Lodges to which dispensations have been granted are as follows :

Oak Branch Lodge,	Innerkip,	Sept. 13, 1871.
Harriston	" Harriston,	" 23, "
Forest	" Forest,	Oct. 18, "
Chaudiere	" Ottawa,	Nov. 25, "
Patterson	" Concord,	Dec. 13, "
Northern Light	" Stayner,	" 13, "
Parthenon	" Chatham,	Jan. 19, 1872.
Verulam	" Bobcaygeon,	Feb. 10, "
Brougham U'n	" Brougham,	" 14, "
Cedar	" Oshawa,	March 6, "
Wellington	" Erin,	" 13, "
Seymour	" Ancaster,	April 2, "
Olive Branch	" W. Shefford, Q.,	" 16, "
Kent	" Blenheim,	" 25, "
Pontiac	" Onslow, Q.,	May 4, "
Teeswater	" Teeswater,	" 7, "
Seymour	" Pt. Dalhousie,	" 9, "
Mystic	" Roslin,	" 14, "
New Hope	" Hespeler,	" 15, "
Mount Sinai	" Napanee,	June 5, "
Thorne	" Holland Landing,	" 25, "

#### RESUSCITATIONS.

I have also the pleasure to inform you that Morpeth Lodge, No. 111, Ridgetown, has been resuscitated, after being dormant for several years, and I trust will again carry on its work with renewed vigor.

#### WARRANTS OF AFFILIATION.

I have great gratification in being able to state that two of the Lodges in Ontario heretofore working under the

Grand Lodge of England, and one under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, have surrendered their warrants and affiliated with this Grand Lodge, viz.: Dalhousie Lodge, No. 835, E. R., Ottawa; St. John's Lodge, No. 796, E. R., Carleton Place; and St. John's Lodge, No. 209, I. R., London.

I feel confident that the Grand Lodge will accord a hearty and fraternal welcome to the representatives of these Lodges at this Communication, in order to signify its most unqualified approval of their action.

I trust that the union of these Lodges with this Grand Lodge will be mutually beneficial, and that under their new allegiance they may enjoy even a greater degree of prosperity than they have hitherto done.

#### PUBLIC CEREMONIES.

During my term of office, the foundation stones of seven public buildings were laid with masonic ceremonies, viz.:

At Shannonville, for a Masonic Hall, in August, by R. W. Bro. E. C. Flint, D. D. G. M. of the Prince Edward District.

At Picton, for an Union School House and Masonic Hall, also in August, by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, P. G. S. W.

At Windsor, for a Public Hall, on 15th October, by R. W. Bro. John Tracy, D. D. G. M. St. Clair District.

At Washago, for an Episcopal Church, on the 24th May, by R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, D. D. G. M. Toronto District.

At Toronto, for a Union Railway Station, on the 13th June, by myself, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers and a large number of Lodges and brethren.

At Sandwich, for an Episcopal Church, on the 24th June, by M. W. Bro. Wm. M. Wilson, P. G. M.

And at Napanee, for a Methodist Episcopal Church, by R. W. Bro. Thomas White, jun'r, D. G. M., on the 9th July.

DEDICATION OF NEW HALLS AND INSTALLATION  
OF OFFICERS.

On the 9th October, 1871, I had the pleasure of dedicating the new Masonic Hall at the city of London, a capacious and beautiful room prepared for the accommodation of the city Lodges; on which occasion I was favored with the assistance of R. W. Bro. G. Billington, D. D. G. M. London District; R. W. Bro. Allan McLean, G. S. W.; R. W. Bros. Moffat and Westlake; the Rev. Bro. Innis, of St. Paul's Cathedral, as Grand Chaplain, and a large and delighted assembly of brethren.

After completing the ceremony of dedication, and offering a few remarks pertinent to the occasion, a sumptuous repast was discussed at the Tecumseh Hotel, during which a subscription was taken up to aid the Chicago sufferers, and handsomely responded to.

During the same month, I visited Galt and Guelph Lodges and installed their officers, in which interesting ceremonies I was ably assisted by R. W. Bros. T. B. Harris, Otto Klotz, and Charles Hendry.

In November, I constituted Clifton Lodge and installed its officers, ably assisted by R. W. Bro. R. M. Willson.

On the 25th January, 1872, I constituted St. George Lodge, St. George, and installed its officers, ably assisted by R. W. Bros. Klotz and Curtis, and a very large gathering of brethren from surrounding Lodges. The banquet which followed was quite a *recherche* affair, and the sentiments expressed in response to the several toasts were of a highly instructive character. In this connection, I take pleasure in alluding to the great pains and talent displayed by the W. M., Bro. Kitchen, in conducting the affairs of the Lodge over which he so ably presides. Were all our young Lodges managed with the same zeal and ability, it would greatly redound to the honor of the craft.

During the sessions of the Board of General Purposes in

Toronto last February, I had the pleasure of visiting Ionic Lodge, where I met a large number of brethren, and noticed that the excellent work performed in that Lodge was in close conformity with our ritual.

In the same month, I received a friendly invitation to dedicate publicly the new Lodge-room of the brethren of Norfolk Lodge, at Simcoe; but being unfortunately unable to respond to the same, I requested our esteemed brother, the M. W. P. G. M., Wm. M. Wilson, to officiate in my place, which I am happy to say he cheerfully did with his accustomed ability.

#### ILLNESS OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

I need scarcely recall to your minds the unfeigned grief with which the people of Canada, in common with those of the empire at large, heard of the dangerous illness of the Prince of Wales in December last, and the anxious solicitude which pervaded all classes until a favorable turning point in the disease had been reached. Happily it pleased the Most High to avert the calamity which threatened to befall the nation; and when the electric cord vibrated the joyous intelligence that danger was no longer apprehended, a sense of relief thrilled every breast, and a general outpouring of thanksgiving was offered up throughout the length and breadth of the Empire. While on every hand expressions of condolence and sympathy were tendered to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, I felt it was incumbent upon the masonic body in Canada not to be behindhand in exhibiting its warm and loyal sympathy towards our beloved Sovereign in the hour of her affliction; and accordingly, finding that it would be too long to wait for the assembling of the Grand Lodge for the expression of that sympathy—a sympathy the more intense from the fraternal relations subsisting between His Royal Highness and our time-honored institution,—I authorized the preparation of the following address, which was beautifully engrossed by Mr. Wm. Bruce, of Hamilton, and forwarded through His Excellency the Governor-General to Her Majesty:

## TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,—The brethren of the honorable fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Grand Lodge of Canada, through its Grand and Executive Officers, *ad interim*, desire to be permitted to approach Your Most Gracious Majesty with a renewed expression of their attachment to peace, law and order, and of their unceasing devotion to Your Majesty's royal person and family.

They humbly trust that Your Majesty will graciously suffer them to unite in giving expression to the great sympathy with Your Majesty's sufferings during the protracted illness of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and of their profound and heartfelt congratulations that it has pleased the Great Jehovah, in the distribution of His manifold and boundless mercies, to avert the dangers which threatened for a season the life of him who is dear to all Your Majesty's faithful and devoted subjects, and to restore him to his family with renewed health and vigor.

They earnestly pray that the Great Architect of the Universe will long bless Your Majesty with health and strength to rule over the lives and fortunes of the people of your vast empire.

Signed on behalf of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada.

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: SEAL. :  
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JAMES SEYMOUR, G. M.

THOS. WHITE, JR., D. G. M.

THOS. B. HARRIS, G. S.

Though this action of mine, in addressing Her Majesty in your behalf, was an assumed function, I have full confidence that every member of this Grand Lodge will heartily endorse every sentiment expressed therein.

## THE QUEBEC DIFFICULTY.

In this matter, the resolution passed by the Grand Lodge last year has been faithfully acted upon; but I have to regret that the efforts made by our brethren to bring about a favorable solution of existing difficulties have so far proved unsuccessful. I had hoped that your Deputy Grand Master, who had taken special charge of this subject, would have been present to afford the fullest explanations regarding the overtures made to solve this difficulty, but am sorry to hear that urgent business prevents him from so doing. I have therefore to refer you to the protocols (for which see end of

address), copies of which have already been furnished to every Lodge, and which fully set forth the overtures made and the abrupt and unsatisfactory termination of the negotiations, and leave the matter in your hands for any further action which may be deemed advisable.

#### APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES.

In the course of the year, I have had the pleasure of appointing three brethren of eminence as representatives of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Bodies named below, viz.:

R. W. Bro. W. H. Tuller, for the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

R. W. Bro. W. M. Washburne, for the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

M. W. Bro. Harvey L. Hazelrigg, P. G. M., for the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

These several brethren, holding positions of eminence and distinction in their respective Grand Lodges, I have no doubt will ably represent the interests of this Grand Lodge now confided to them.

#### OBITUARY.

Among those whose demise we are called upon to deplore, I may mention the revered name of M. W. Bro. Wm. Combyn Stephens, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of England near this Grand Lodge—an earnest and enthusiastic craftsman, and one whose extensive knowledge of masonic lore made him esteemed and respected wherever he was known. We lament his loss as that of one who was a firm and steadfast friend to this Grand Lodge from its formation, and whose masonic attainments and many social virtues will cause his decease to be deeply regretted and his memory to be faithfully preserved among the Masons in this jurisdiction. His death occurred in England in December last.

We have also to lament the loss of R. W. Bro. Silas B. Fairbanks, Past Grand Registrar, who died at Oshawa in September. He was held in high estimation among the

brethren in this section, as an earnest and careful worker, and a lover of the fraternity wheresoever dispersed.

#### MANITOBA.

You will be gratified to learn that the Lodges planted in this new Province of our Dominion, under warrants issued by this Grand Lodge, are working harmoniously, and vieing with each other as to which shall best exemplify the time-honored principles of our Order. Under the genial and experienced guidance of R. W. Bro. J. V. Noel, whose nomination as D. D. G. M. for that Provincial District I had much satisfaction in confirming, the brethren and Lodges are in cordial amity; and no case of grievance has occurred, or difficulty arisen, that has not been promptly adjudicated upon to the mutual approval of all concerned. With such a spirit actuating these brethren, we cannot doubt that Manitoba will become, in time, a field where the principles of Masonry will be cultivated for their worth, and where, their worth becoming known, to be a Mason in connection with this Grand Lodge will be esteemed one of the highest privileges a true craftsman can enjoy.

#### CHICAGO FIRE.

Immediately after the report reached us of the awful calamity which befell the city of Chicago in October last, whereby the greater portion of that prosperous city was reduced to ashes by that most devouring element—fire, I received a telegram from our worthy D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Thomas White, urging me to sanction the issuing of an order on our Grand Treasurer, to pay out of the Grand Lodge funds the sum of \$2,000 for the immediate relief of our suffering Chicago brethren. I at once telegraphed to the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, to draw upon our Grand Treasurer for that amount in gold. He did so accordingly; and his acknowledgment of the same, of which the following is a copy, plainly shows the high appreciation held by them of our assistance in the hour of their affliction:

MASONIC TEMPLE, CHICAGO,

October 14th, 1871.

Most Worshipful G. M., JAMES SEYMOUR,

St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada.

MOST WORSHIPFUL AND DEAR BROTHER : Your telegram of date 13th inst. warms the great masonic heart, evidencing as it does the genuine sympathy of our venerated and noble Order. To meet the wants of the hour, and provide for permanent relief to the sufferers by our late conflagration, by virtue of my office I have appointed and constituted a "Masonic Board of Relief," of which Bro. Wiley M. Egan is the Treasurer. In accordance with your telegram, I draw on brother Henry Groff, Grand Treasurer, Simcoe, Canada, for two thousand dollars in gold, in favor of Wiley M. Egan, Treasurer.

May God bless you and yours, and enable us to repay by lasting gratitude, if not in kind and coin, your generous bounty.

I have the honor to be,

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

D. C. CREGIER,

Grand Master of Masons of Illinois.

This grant was made, as you are aware, without your consent; but it being such an urgent case of emergency—one in which every country and nation sympathized,—I felt justified in giving my consent. My action, as well as that of the President of the B. of G. P., was unanimously approved by that Board at its semi-annual meeting, and I have every confidence that you will now confirm the same. In addition, I am happy to inform you that the great liberality exhibited by the various Grand Lodges and private Lodges, in at once coming to the rescue of our afflicted brethren of Chicago, has brought such a large amount of funds to their coffers, that they inform the fraternity that not only no further funds are required to supply all reasonable claims of the brethren who have thus suffered by that calamity, but that the Board of Relief has a surplus on hand for which there is no immediate want.

#### TESMIMONIAL.

I am sure, brethren, that you will agree with me, that we are greatly indebted to our esteemed M. W. Bro. Stevenson

for the able and zealous manner in which, for a period of three years, he presided as Grand Master over our deliberations, and for the numerous and incalculable services he has rendered to the Craft; and that I only need to mention the propriety of showing a tangible appreciation of the many arduous labors which he has been required to perform on our behalf.

#### BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The numerous and highly important duties which devolve upon the Board of General Purposes, make it imperative that the most experienced and talented brethren be from time to time selected to perform the functions of that Board. This fact being undoubtedly admitted by every member of this Grand Lodge, I feel confident that you will agree with me that no brother ought to be disqualified from being elected or appointed a member of that Board, by reason of his holding or not holding any particular office in a Lodge. But since our present constitution requires that not more than one-half of such appointed or elected members are to be Past Masters at the time of such appointment or election, it follows that either the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master are restricted in their selection, and not permitted to choose those whom they respectively consider the most competent for that office. I would therefore recommend Grand Lodge to amend that disqualifying clause, which in fact has for many years been honored rather more in the breach than in the observance of the same. At the same time I would recommend that all Past Grand Masters be declared honorary members of the Board, thereby enabling the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master to elect or appoint from time to time, for the actual working of the Board, such other brethren as they respectively consider best qualified for the same, without the fear of violating the rules of courtesy towards any Past Grand Master, whose great experience is always invaluable to the Board, especially by counsel and advice; while it would be taxing them with more labor than should be required of

them, were we to expect them to take constant part in all the hard work of that Board.

#### DUAL MEMBERSHIP.

The resolution passed at last Grand Lodge, declaring that no brother can be an ordinary member of more than one Lodge within the same city, town or village, has been generally acted upon during the past year; though there are a few exceptions, where brethren questioning the constitutionality of that resolution in the form and manner of its passing, *have not complied*, and still continue their dual membership. I would therefore recommend to Grand Lodge, if it be the desire to abolish dual membership, to enact an additional regulation, whereby all doubts on that subject will be removed.

#### CONDITION OF MASONRY.

The flourishing state of our noble institution is a gratifying fact to all of us, not only in regard to its finances, but in respect to the increase in the number of Lodges under our jurisdiction, and more especially in the increase of good material, and the progress of the moral influence which the tenets of our Order have exercised and continue to exercise upon the fraternity; all of which will be more particularly illustrated by the reports of the D. D. G. Masters, whose great zeal for the welfare of the craft has in no small degree contributed to achieve that great object.

Nevertheless, brethren, let us in our prosperity not get remiss in our duties. Let us continue to be careful and guard well the portals of our Order against unfit material, ever bearing in mind that it is an easier matter to make a person a Mason, than, after being made, to get rid of a member who has proved himself a dishonor to his Lodge, and to the craft in general.

Brethren, in conclusion let me, while felicitating you upon the prosperity that has marked the career of this Grand Lodge in the past, earnestly exhort you not to forget the

mission that Masonry has in view, nor the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, that should ever characterize us in our intercourse one with another. Meeting as we do at this time in Annual Communication, it is fitting that opportunity should be taken to improve that meeting with wholesome admonition upon our duty, not only to the craft, but to the world at large. May the Most High prosper our united endeavors so to shape our course, that amongst ourselves we may exemplify the tenets of our Order, and amongst the outside world we may pursue a course of rectitude and integrity that will show to those who know not what Masonry is, that at least we are living exemplars of the moral law, and that we fear God, honor the Queen, and conform to the relations of good neighbors and citizens. May this be the result of our deliberations at the present time; and to the G. A. O. T. U. will we ascribe the credit and blessing.

JAMES SEYMOUR,

St. Catharines, July 7th, 1872.

Grand Master.

[PROTOCOLS, MASONIC CONFERENCE.]

MONTREAL, 21st September, 1871.

A meeting of joint committees,—one named by the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the other by a meeting of representatives of Lodges of the Province of Quebec, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada,—for the purpose of a conference, having in view the restoration of harmony in the fraternity within the Province of Quebec, was held this evening at the Masonic Hall, Place D'Armes.

Present :

REPRESENTING G. L. CANADA.	REPRESENTING G. L. QUEBEC.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson.	R. W. Bro. Rev. C. P. Reid.
R. " " Thomas White, jr.	" " " Milton.
" " " Rev. H. Montgomery.	" " " F. Edgar.
" " " M. Gutman.	" " " Isaacson.
" " " Jno. Erskine.	" " " H. J. Pratten.
" " " Jno. Turner.	" " " M. R. Meigs.
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On motion of R. W. Bro. C. P. Reid, seconded by R. W. Bro. Milton, M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson was unanimously selected to act as Chairman.

On motion of R. W. Bro. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. Montgomery, R. W. Bro. Isaacson was requested to act as Secretary.

The blessing of the G. A. O. T. U. was invoked on the deliberations of the meeting by R. W. Bro. C. P. Reid.

M. W. Bro. Stevenson then briefly stated the object of the meeting. He read the resolution passed in the Grand Lodge of Canada, under authority of which a meeting of representatives of Lodges in this Province working under that jurisdiction had been held; and he also read the resolutions passed at that meeting, appointing the committee now present, with the exception of V. W. Bro. Racicot, who was unfortunately prevented by business from attending. He trusted that this conference would result in the restoration of peace and harmony to the craft in this jurisdiction.

After a short pause, no member of the conference rising to make any observation, M. W. Bro. Stevenson stated that a committee of which he was a member, learning that the general meeting could not be held until the evening, had met in the afternoon, and had prepared certain resolutions which they considered might form the basis of an union. He would therefore, in order to facilitate matters, submit the following :

"1. That all acts done by the Grand Lodge of Canada and that of Quebec respectively, within the Province of Quebec, and all the acts done by the several Lodges hailing from those bodies respectively, so far as the same are legal under the constitutions of the respective Grand Lodges, be declared to be legal and binding masonic acts.

"2. That all the Lodges within the Province of Quebec, whether hailing from the Grand Lodge of Canada or from that of Quebec, be re-numbered on the register of the Grand Lodge of Quebec according to seniority, such seniority being determined by the date of the original warrant, the Lodge being held to be the custodian of the warrant to whom it was originally granted, whether at this time in possession of such warrant or not.

"3. That all masonic rank acquired either in the Grand Lodge of Canada or in that of Quebec, as well as that acquired in any subordinate Lodge in this Province, be maintained.

"4. That the Grand Lodge shall be styled 'The United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec.'

"5. That at the meeting of the Grand Lodge at which the union is consummated, the first business shall be the election of Grand Officers, in which the representatives of all the Lodges shall take part."

After some desultory conversation on these resolutions, R. W. Bro. Reid suggested that the committee from the Grand Lodge should consider the resolutions alone. This was at once acceded to, and the committee

from the Grand Lodge of Canada retired. After a short time they were invited to return, when R. W. Bro. Isaacson submitted the following :

"1st. That the first resolution submitted should be expunged, and the following substituted, viz :

"That all acts done by the Grand Lodge of Canada within the Province of Quebec, and all acts done by the several Lodges hailing from that Grand Lodge, so far as they do not conflict with the acts of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and are not antagonistic to the rights of Lodges and individual masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, shall be declared legal and binding masonic acts.

"That all acts of the Grand Lodge of Quebec within this Province, and all acts done by her several Lodges, shall be declared legal and binding.

"2nd. That all the words, in the second resolution submitted, after the words 'according to seniority,' shall be struck out, and the following inserted in their place : 'such seniority to be determined by the Grand Lodge of Quebec.'

"3rd. That the whole of this resolution, as it stands, being agreed to, shall remain.

"4th. That the fourth and fifth propositions, being objected to *in toto*, shall be struck out."

R. W. Bro. White enquired what acts would be considered as antagonistic by the terms of the first resolution. It was replied that acts of suspension would be, and the issuing of duplicate warrants would also come under this head.

R. W. Bro. White said that so far as suspensions were concerned, they were to be removed in the event of agreement; but as to duplicate Lodges, it might facilitate matters to state at the outset that, as representing the Grand Lodge of Canada, they could consent to nothing which would imperil the existence of any Lodge now working under that Grand Lodge.

A long conversation ensued, embracing all matters in dispute between the parties, but with no apparent prospect of any satisfactory settlement; and the Committees again separated, with the object of devising some plan which would meet the mutual objections. On reassembling, R. W. Bro. White said that the difficulty about suspensions could be met by excepting them in terms in the first resolution; and that, as the status of duplicate Lodges in the matter of renumbering seemed to be the chief difficulty, he thought it could be met by striking out the words after "warrant" near the end of the second resolution originally submitted, and substituting the following: "But in case of duplicate Lodges, the question of priority be submitted to a committee of six brethren, to be composed equally of brethren representing the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodge of Quebec."

And as to the two last resolutions, while they thought they ought to be conceded, in the interests of perfect harmony and peace, they would not be pressed.

R. W. Bro. Edgar submitted the following, as having been agreed to by the committee from the Grand Lodge of Quebec :

"1st. That the committee representing the Lodges in this Province holding warrants and working under and acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of Canada, express their willingness to join the Grand Lodge of Quebec as it at present exists, upon the following terms and conditions :

"2nd. That the committee representing the Grand Lodge of Quebec agree to recommend to their Grand Lodge that their Lodges be accepted as they stand at present,—all question as to the name of Lodge, priority of number, holding the warrant of such Lodges as have duplicate warrants by both Grand Lodges, be left entirely to a committee to be named, two by— and two by—, this committee to choose an arbitrator, and their decision on all questions to be final.

"3rd. All questions of priority of the other Lodges to be settled by the same committee."

The wording of this resolution was strongly objected to. But as the two resolutions approached each other pretty nearly, it was, after some debate, agreed to appoint a sub-committee to draft resolutions which might meet the views of both parties as expressed during the conference, and adjourn until the following morning.

The following committee was chosen for this purpose : M. W. Bro. Stevenson, R. W. Bros. Isaacson, Edgar, White, Gutman, and V.W. Bro. Tait.

And the Conference adjourned at half-past one o'clock, a. m.

MONTREAL, 22nd September, 1871.

The sub-committee met this morning in the Masonic Hall rooms, Place D'Armes, and R. W. Bro. White submitted the following draft resolutions :

"Resolved,—That this committee, composed equally of representatives of the Grand Lodge of Canada and of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, duly authorized by their respective Grand Lodges to act together in considering the unfortunate differences which separate the craft in this Province of Quebec, and being influenced by a desire to heal those differences, and to restore harmony and peace to Freemasonry within this Province, mutually agree upon the following terms as a basis for union, viz.:

"1. That all acts done by the Grand Lodge of Canada within the Province of Quebec, except the acts of suspension arising out of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and all acts done by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, excepting suspensions arising out of the differences

incident to the formation of the said Grand Lodge, be declared to be legal masonic acts.

"2. That all Lodges within the Province of Quebec, whether working under the Grand Lodge of Canada or under the Grand Lodge of Quebec, be renumbered on the register of the Grand Lodge of Quebec according to seniority; and that, with a view to determining the question of seniority, the duty of such renumbering be submitted to a commission, to be composed of three brethren to be named by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and three brethren to be named by the committee representing the Grand Lodge of Canada, who shall have full power to take evidence with a view to arriving at a just conclusion, and who may, if they so desire, select some brother as umpire in case of any serious difference of opinion; the report of such committee to be final.

"3 That all masonic rank acquired either in the Grand Lodge of Canada or in the Grand Lodge of Quebec, or in any Lodge working under those Grand Lodges respectively, be maintained and continued.

"4. And the committee representing the Grand Lodge of Quebec hereby agree to submit the above terms for the acceptance of their Grand Lodge; and the committee representing the Grand Lodge of Canada hereby agree to recommend the above terms to the representatives of Lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Quebec, at a meeting to be held by such representatives, and to which the committee are required by the terms of their appointment to report, and to urge that they be accepted; and that thereupon the said Lodges unite with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and request the Grand Lodge of Canada, in accordance with the resolution passed at the last Annual Communication of said Grand Lodge, to give up and cede all the territory which it has occupied since 1855 in that part of Canada constituting the Province of Quebec, make all just and proper financial settlements, remove all suspensions, and do all such acts as may be necessary to a full and complete recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec."

R. W. Bro. Isaacson submitted the following draft resolutions for adoption:

"Whereas, unhappily, differences and disputes have arisen and are now existing in Masonry in the Province of Quebec, between the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M., and her subordinates, on the one part, and the several Lodges in the Province still holding under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada of the other part;

"And whereas, with the view to terminate and forever end said differences, and to restore harmony throughout the craft in the said Province, the said Lodges, to wit, the said party of the second part, are willing to amalgamate and join with the said party of the first part, to wit, the said The Grand Lodge of Quebec; and the said party of the first part are willing to accept such Lodges into their organization or Grand Body, the same as if the said Lodges had originally taken part in said organization.

"And it is agreed by both said parties, that all questions—such as names of Lodges, priority of number, holding of warrants in said Province, shall be left entirely to a committee of six, three of whom shall be named from the party of the first part, with power to said

committee to name an arbitrator; and the decision of said committee and umpire to be final."

The representatives of the Grand Lodge of Canada objected to these resolutions, because under them the committee would have power to consider the question of the existence of duplicate or other Lodges established since October, 1869, by the Grand Lodge of Canada. On the other hand, R. W. Bro. Isaacson explained that there was no such intention, and that the resolutions did not give any such power to the proposed committee. R. W. Bro. White suggested that this should be clearly stated in the resolutions; but as R. W. Bro. Isaacson declined to alter them, it was agreed to submit both drafts to the general committee.

MONTREAL, 22nd September, 1871.

The joint committee assembled at place of former meeting this day, at eleven o'clock, a. m.

Present: M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, R. W. Bros. White, Isaacson, Turner, Reid, Gutman, Milton, Montgomery, Edgar, Erskine, and V. W. Bro. Tait.

The draft resolutions, as above, were submitted by R. W. Bros. Isaacson and White respectively. After a long discussion, the committee separated, and on reassembling the following was submitted and unanimously agreed to:

"Whereas, unhappily, differences and disputes have arisen and are now existing in Masonry in the Province of Quebec, between the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M., and her subordinates, on the one part, and the several Lodges in the said Province still holding under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, on the other part;

"And whereas, with the view to terminate and forever end said differences, and restore harmony throughout the craft in the said Province, the said Lodges, to wit, the said party of the second part, are willing to amalgamate and join with the said party of the first part, to wit, the said The Grand Lodge of Quebec; and the said party of the first part are willing to accept said Lodges into their organization or Grand Body, the same as if they, the said Lodges, had originally taken part in said organization.

"And it is agreed by both said parties that all questions, viz., names of Lodges, distribution of property in the case of duplicate Lodges, and priority of number in the case of all Lodges, shall be left entirely to a committee of six, three of whom shall be named from the party of the first part, and three from the party of the second part, with power to said committee to name an arbitrator, and the decision of said committee and umpire to be final.

"And the committee representing the Grand Lodge of Quebec hereby agree to submit the above terms for the acceptance of their Grand Lodge. And the committee representing the Lodges under the jurisdiction of

the Grand Lodge of Canada hereby agree to recommend the above terms to the representatives of the Lodges, at a meeting to be held by such representatives for that purpose."

The Conference then adjourned.

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Secret ry.

A. A. STEVENSON,

Chairman.

The draft of resolutions, as agreed to by the joint committee appointed for the purpose of endeavoring to agree upon terms for a settlement of the difficulties in the Province of Quebec, having been submitted to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, the same were rejected by that Body, which passed the following in their stead :

"Moved by R. W. Bro. Meigs, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. C. Clarke, Whereas the Grand Lodge of Quebec has been for the last two years the supreme masonic authority in and for the Province of Quebec, and has been recognized as such by twenty-three Sovereign Masonic Bodies; And whereas the Grand Lodge of Canada, in violation of the well-established principles of Grand Lodge supremacy, has persistently and repeatedly invaded, and continues to invade, the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; therefore be it

"Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge reassert her supremacy as sovereign masonic authority in and for the Province of Quebec.

"That all acts of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the formation of Lodges and the issuing of duplicate warrants, in this Province since October 20th, 1869, were and are hereby declared to be irregular, and an infringement of the rights of this Grand Lodge.

"That the Grand Secretary be instructed to invite all Lodges that were in existence prior to October 20th, 1869, in our territory, to affiliate with the Grand Lodge, with the same rights and privileges as if they, the said Lodges, had assisted in the formation of this Grand Lodge.

"That the Grand Master be authorized to proclaim, at any time before the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, as may seem best to him, non-intercourse with any Lodge or pretended Lodge in this jurisdiction that persistently refuses to recognize the supremacy of this Grand Lodge.

"That to all Lodges irregularly formed since October 20th, 1869, this Grand Lodge is disposed to extend all the clemency that is consistent with the maintenance of the integrity of this Grand Lodge and the constitution of the Order, even to the issuing of new warrants and healing of work already done; provided always, that the rights of Lodges already recognized by this Grand Lodge be not in any way infringed.

"That the Grand Master be authorized to order the foregoing to be communicated, at such time as may seem expedient to him, to those Grand Bodies that are already in fraternal correspondence with this Grand Lodge, and request their co-operation and assistance in maintaining the authority and supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in

the Province of Quebec, and vindicating the sovereignty of Grand Lodges in their respective territories."

R.W. Bro. White, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, upon informally learning the action taken by the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, issued the following circular :

"[Circular.]

"OFFICE OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,  
"Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada,  
"Montreal, 3rd October, 1871.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"I send you herewith protocols of Conference between the committee appointed at a meeting of the representatives of loyal Lodges in this Province, and a committee appointed by the Grand Master of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec.

"You will see from them that the committees arrived at a basis of union, by which the difficulty now prevailing in the craft in the Province might be removed, and masonic peace and harmony restored.

"I regret to say that, notwithstanding the extreme liberality of the concessions made by the committee of the Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec has, as I am informed—for I have not yet been favored with any official communication on the subject, refused to accept the resolutions submitted to them by their own committee; but have, instead, passed resolutions insulting to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and so humiliating in their terms towards the loyal Lodges in this Province as to make their acceptance impossible, except at the sacrifice of all self-respect.

"I have, therefore, to request that you will cause your Lodge to be represented at a meeting to be held in this city on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Place D'Armes, at ten o'clock, a. m., for the purpose of taking such action as may be deemed most wise in view of this proceeding on the part of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec. All Masters, Past Masters and Wardens will be eligible to be present at the meeting; and, where the Lodge so desires, it may elect a representative, in the absence of any of those officers, from among the membership.

"I have named ten o'clock in the morning as the hour for the meeting, in the hope that those members who desire to do so may be able to return by the afternoon train; and I am requested by the Brethren in Montreal to say, that they will be happy to have their brethren from the country to lunch during the day.

"Hoping to see a full representation of the loyal Lodges at this meeting,

"I am,

"Yours faithfully and fraternally,

"THOS. WHITE, JUN'R,

"Deputy Grand Master."

At the meeting of the loyal Lodges held in pursuance of the circular issued by the Deputy Grand Master at Montreal on the 12th October,

the following resolutions were, after due consideration, unanimously adopted :

"Moved by M. W. Bro. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Erskine,

"Whereas the representatives of the Lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, acting under the authority of a resolution passed at the last Annual Communication of the said Grand Lodge, did on the 13th day of September ult., appoint a committee or committees to be named by Lodges working under other jurisdictions, with a view to the establishment of masonic union and harmony within this Province ;

"And whereas, by the report of the said committee, it appears that a conference was held on the 21st and 22nd days of September, between it and a committee appointed by the Grand Master of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, at which conference certain resolutions were agreed upon as a basis of union, such resolutions being, as appears from the protocols of the conference, substantially those submitted by the committee of the said so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec ;

"And whereas it appears that, notwithstanding the extraordinary concessions made by the committee representing the Lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Canada on their behalf—concessions more exacting than should, in the interests of ultimate peace and harmony, have been demanded,—the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, at a meeting held on the 28th September, declined to accept the resolutions of the joint committee, but passed others in their stead ;

"Therefore Resolved,—1. That in the opinion of this meeting of representatives of Lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Canada, the resolutions passed by the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec are insulting to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and could not be accepted as a basis of union except by the sacrifice of all self-respect on the part of the said Grand Lodge and the Lodges working under its jurisdiction.

"2. That the formation of the said so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, in that part of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada comprised within the boundaries of what was, at the time of the formation of the said Grand Lodge, known as Lower Canada or Canada East, was a violation of the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and of the obligations of members of Lodges working under that Grand Lodge.

"3. That the loyal Lodges of this Province, as duly represented in this meeting, hereby renew their expressions of allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and their earnest desire to remain in affiliation with said Grand Lodge.

"4. That inasmuch as the efforts for the restoration of harmony made by the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Lodges in this Province working under it, have been, in spite of the extraordinary concessions offered, insultingly rejected by the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec,—in the opinion of this meeting, the Grand Lodge of Canada should at once take such steps as may be necessary to maintain her masonic supremacy over the territory universally recognized as belonging to her until the causeless rebellion of October, 1869 ; and that an appeal should at once be made to all sister Grand Lodges in communication with the said Grand Lodge of Canada, to join with her in the maintenance of these rights.

"5. That the Deputy Grand Master be requested to communicate to the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and to all Lodges working under that jurisdiction, these resolutions, together with the protocols of the conference and all proceedings connected with the movement undertaken, with a view to the restoration of masonic harmony in this jurisdiction."

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It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, and

RESOLVED,—That the address of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The following reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters were read, viz.:

### ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—In conformity with the requirements of the constitution, I have the honor to submit my report as D. D. G. M. of St. Clair District for the year 1871-72.

At the present time there are eighteen Lodges working in the St. Clair District, and for the most part practising the ritual authorized by Grand Lodge.

I have visited all the Lodges in the District with the exception of two or three at the most; and from observation of those visited, I am happy to state that Masonry is in a most prosperous condition, and that, so far as I am aware, there is no complaint to come before Grand Lodge.

During the past year I have held two general Lodges of Instruction, one at Petrolia on the 21st and two following days of the month of February, at which I was most ably assisted by W. Bro. Sinclair, of Petrolia Lodge, No. 194, and other W. Masters present. A second Lodge was held at Chatham, on the 13th and two following days of May. On each occasion, one day was devoted to each degree.

Both Lodges were well attended, and I have every reason to believe will be productive of good; and I would here remark, the best attendance was from those Lodges which are in the best working condition; and that in every case in which I visited a Lodge, I have found the best informed most anxious and most grateful for advice, explanation or correction given.

I have granted two dispensations to wear regalia in public during the past year; one to Havelock Lodge, No. 238, on their annual festival on St. John the Baptist day, when the brethren attended divine service; and one to Petrolia Lodge, No. 194, to attend divine service on the occasion of opening the Episcopal church at Petrolia, on which occasion the Lord Bishop of Huron officiated, and afterwards expressed to me the great pleasure he felt at seeing the masonic fraternity thus publicly recognize the opening of a place for divine worship.

During the past year I have dedicated and installed the W. M. and officers of Washington Lodge, No. 260; installed the W. M. and officers of Burns Lodge, No. 153, Petrolia Lodge, No. 194; and invested the officers of Havelock Lodge, No. 238.

The M. W. Grand Master has been pleased to issue dispensations for holding three Lodges, as follows: Forest Lodge, of the village of Forest; Parthenon Lodge, of Chatham; and Kent Lodge, of the village of Blenheim. The M. W. the Grand Master has also granted permission for brethren at Ridgetown to hold a Lodge under the old charter of the Morpeth Lodge, for some time in abeyance. From the ability of the several Masters of these Lodges, I have no hesitation in recommending that warrants be issued in their favor.

On the 30th of November I had the honor of laying the foundation stone of the Central School at Windsor, at which ceremony I was most efficiently assisted by V. W. Bro. Gibson and the brethren of Great Western Lodge. During

the ceremony, the Board of Trustees of the common schools of the town of Windsor were pleased to present me with a very handsome silver trowel, with suitable inscription.

But two deaths have been reported to me,—that of Bro. H. Stevenson, of Forest, and Bro. John Hutton, of Windsor, both of whom were consigned to their resting place with masonic ceremonies.

The brethren of Great Western Lodge, during the past year, sustained a heavy loss by fire, their elegant Lodge-room and furniture having been totally destroyed. They have, I am happy to state, lost no time in erecting a new one. I cannot speak too highly of the efficiency and energy of this Lodge.

I desire to express my warmest thanks to the brethren of St. Clair District, for the general courteous and fraternal manner in which I have been received during my official visits, and heartily trust my successor may be equally fortunate.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

JNO. TRACY,

D. P. G. M. St. Clair District.

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## LONDON DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the G. M. and the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. and A. M.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor to report that Masonry is in the most satisfactory condition in the London District. All the Lodges are working in harmony, and all are exceedingly prosperous.

I have granted two dispensations to enable the brethren to appear in regalia in public; Doric Lodge, Parkhill, to enable the brethren to attend divine worship, and Beaver Lodge, Strathroy, to attend a masonic ball and supper. Both gatherings of the craft were largely attended by the brethren

of the District, and reflected credit upon those attending and also our beloved Order.

I regret to say that, from a press of public engagements, I have not been able to visit many of the Lodges in this large District. It gives me much pleasure, however, to report that after careful enquiry there are no grievances unsettled;—that peace, order and harmony are spread amongst the craft in this District.

The whole of which is most respectfully submitted.

GEORGE BILLINGTON,

D. D. G. M. London District.

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### WILSON DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have much pleasure in reporting, for the information of Grand Lodge, that in Wilson District, Masonry—our beloved Order—never was more prosperous; quality, not quantity of members, seems to be, I am happy to say, the guiding rule laid down and carried out by each Lodge. As an evidence of this, no masonic complaints have been received during the past year.

A dispensation was issued for a new Lodge at Innerkip, called "Oak Branch," which is very ably and zealously presided over by W. Bro. R. Stark, the W. M. Oxford Lodge, Woodstock. Good work is being done in this Lodge, and I hope a warrant will be granted.

In March last I had the pleasure of assisting M. W. Bro. Wilson in dedicating the new and magnificent room built for Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simeoe, after which the visitors were sumptuously "lunched" at the Norfolk House. W. Bro. A. J. Donly, the efficient Worshipful Master, presided. Our Simeoe brethren certainly deserve great credit for the taste displayed in getting up and furnishing their room, which, next to Brantford, is the best in the District.

Immediately after the great fire in Chicago, I issued an appeal to the various Lodges in the District on behalf of our suffering brethren in that place, to which, I am happy to say, a generous response was given; and I am desired by M. W. Bro. Cregier, Grand Master of Illinois and Chairman of the Masonic Board of Relief, to thank the various Lodges for their liberal and timely donation.

During the recent destructive fire in Ingersoll, King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, and St. John's Lodge, No. 68, lost all their furniture, jewels and regalia; the warrants, however, were saved. A new room is being built for their use, and having plenty of funds in hand, they will in a short time be again in full working order.

Several deaths have been reported to me during the past year, all of whom were interred with masonic ceremonies.

Illness for the past three months has, I regret to say, prevented me from fulfilling my promise to visit several Lodges. Man proposes, but the Great Architect disposes; and under the circumstances, I hope my brethren will extend to me the mantle of masonic charity.

I have to express my thanks to the various Lodges and brethren in the District, for the kind and fraternal manner in which they have at all times received me; and in conclusion, have to request them to elect a successor, as I cannot accept a renomination.

Respectfully submitted.

P. J. BROWN,

Ingersoll, 6th July. 1872.

D. D. G. M.

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## HURON DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

I beg to submit my report of the proceedings and condition of Masonry in the Huron District for the past year.

I submit herewith a statement of work and business done

HURON DISTRICT.—Statement of Work and Business from June 24th, 1871, to June 24th, 1872.

NAME.	No.	LOCATION.	No. of Members on Roll.	Propositions Received	Elected.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joining Members.	Resigned.	Suspended, N. P. D.	Suspended, Unsanctioned.	Restored.	Regular Meetings.	Emergency Meetings.	Amount rec'd for Fees.	Amount rec'd for Dues.	Cash on hand or Invested.	Paid for Relief.
Goderich.....	23	Goderich.....	23	14	11	5	10	10	2	3	4	1	1	13	5	\$182 00	\$89 00	\$ 92 22	\$22 00
St. James.....	73	St. Mary's.....	63	7	5	5	10	10	1	4	4	1	1	11	4	102 00	145 50	201 00	...
Clinton.....	84	Clinton.....	43	15	12	12	9	9	10	4	1	1	1	12	11	358 00	32 50	112 00	40 00
Northern Light.....	93	Kincardine.....	50	11	11	11	9	6	3	1	1	1	1	14	7	220 00	66 50	337 15	20 00
Maitland.....	112	Goderich.....	89	14	12	12	10	8	3	1	1	1	1	12	11	240 00	244 30	...	...
St. Lawrence.....	131	Southampton.....	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	4	20 00	39 50	38 94	...
Lebanon Forest.....	135	Exeter.....	52	5	5	5	5	4	1	3	1	1	1	13	7	102 00	95 00	100 00	16 35
Tudor.....	141	Mitchell.....	41	6	4	3	4	5	3	7	2	1	1	13	3	60 00	121 25	120 00	90 00
Teemseh.....	144	Stratford.....	76	15	15	12	9	9	3	2	2	1	1	13	4	246 00	286 00	250 00	95 75
Forest.....	162	Wroxeter.....	35	9	6	6	6	6	3	1	1	1	1	12	3	120 00	40 50	100 00	...
Britannia.....	170	Seaford.....	46	15	10	10	7	6	1	5	1	1	1	15	9	203 00	135 00	152 00	...
Old Light.....	184	London.....	41	6	5	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	12	3	64 00	79 75	...	...
Saugeen.....	197	Walkerton.....	68	18	10	9	9	14	2	4	1	1	1	13	9	180 00	45 00	179 03	...
Zurich.....	224	Zurich.....	19	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	3	20 00	35 50	41 50	...
Barnard.....	225	Listowel.....	26	11	6	6	5	3	3	3	1	1	1	13	3	120 00	35 50	32 00	...
Aldworth.....	235	Paisley.....	17	13	10	6	5	3	3	1	1	1	1	14	4	135 00	19 62	...	...
Teeswater.....	UD	Teeswater.....	11	9	7	2	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	40 00	40 00	40 00	...

in the several Lodges in the District, from June 24th, 1871, to June 24th, 1872. Objection has been taken by several brethren in Grand Lodge to the great length of the reports of the different District Deputy Grand Masters, and I think this the shortest way of showing the position of the different Lodges.

Two deaths have been reported to me during the year,—Bro. George Ross, of Forest Lodge, No. 162, and Bro. James Martin, of St. James' Lodge, No. 73.

I am sorry to report that I have had to deal with several complaints of a serious nature. In one I have given my decision, which I duly reported to the M. W. the Grand Master; another I have referred to the Board of General Purposes; and still another remains on hand to be dealt with by my successor.

A dispensation has been granted by the M. W. the Grand Master, upon my recommendation, for "Teeswater" Lodge, at Teeswater, Co. of Bruce. W. Bro. H. B. O'Connor, the W. M. of this Lodge, is a P. M. of Maitland Lodge, No. 112, and Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, and an able and zealous worker. I recommend that a warrant be granted to this Lodge.

I have just received a petition for a new "St. John's" Lodge, to be held at the village of Ainleyville. I recommend the granting of a warrant, as I am well acquainted with the brethren who ask it, and with the ability and standing of the proposed Master; and in my opinion, it is highly desirable to establish a Masonic Lodge at this place.

Steps are being taken to secure a Lodge at the thriving village of Wingham, and I understand a dispensation will shortly be applied for.

I have given my consent for the removal of Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133, from Franceston to Exeter, both places being in my District. The change was a very necessary and desirable one.

I have on many occasions been entertained by the brethren with the greatest hospitality; but I do not imagine it would interest Grand Lodge for me to enter into particulars of the different sumptuous suppers, splendid banquets, and the like.

With the exception of the complaints I have mentioned, I do not think Masonry was ever in a more flourishing and healthy condition in the Huron District than at present; and I trust that the difficulties which have arisen during the past year will soon be amicably arranged.

ISAAC F. TOMS,

D. D. G. M. Huron District.

### WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge.

I have the honor to submit the following annual report for the Wellington District.

There are thirteen Lodges now in this District, viz.:

Alma	Lodge, No. 72,	Galt.
The Grand River	" 151,	Berlin.
Ayr	" 172,	Ayr.
Speed	" 180,	Guelph.
St. Alban's	" 200,	Mt. Forest.
Irvine	" 203,	Elora.
New Dominion	" 205,	New Hamburg.
Harris	" 216,	Orangeville.
Galt	" 257,	Galt.
Guelph	" 258,	Guelph.
Harriston	" U. D.	Harriston.
Wellington	" U. D.	Erin.
New Hope	" U. D.	Hespeler.

I have officially visited twelve of the above Lodges, and found all, with one exception, in good working order. In

the case of the one I have excepted, I believe it is brought about by the laxness of the officers and late meetings. I have received assurances that these faults will be remedied in future, when I have no doubt as to their taking a high position in the District, as they have very good material in the Lodge.

On learning the destitute position of many Masons and their families in the city of Chicago after the great fire, I issued a circular to the various Lodges in the District, requesting them to co-operate in raising a fund for their relief, V. W. Bro. F. Mudge having kindly consented to act as Secretary and Treasurer for said fund. I am pleased to say the call met with a hearty masonic response, by which the Secretary was enabled to forward in gold the sum of seven hundred and fifty-four dollars, being the donation of the Masons of Wellington District to their suffering brethren. The receipt of the same was duly acknowledged by the M. W. the G. M. of Masons for the State of Illinois, DeWit C. Cregier, Esq., also conveying the warm thanks of the Masonic Board of Relief to the donors.

Dispensations have been granted by the M. W. the Grand Master, upon my recommendation, for the following new Lodges: Harriston Lodge, Harriston; Wellington Lodge, Erin; New Hope Lodge, Hespeler; and I would recommend that warrants be granted, should an examination of the minute book and other necessary evidence justify it.

I granted two dispensations for celebrating St. John the Evangelist Day; one to New Dominion Lodge, New Hamburg, at which I had the pleasure of being present, and spent a very pleasant night; and the other to Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt.

I installed the officers of Harris Lodge, Orangeville, assisted by W. Bro. S. H. McKitrick and W. Bro. Worsfold from Guelph; also the officers of St. Alban's Lodge, Mt. Forest, assisted by W. Bros. S. H. McKitrick, Rancy, and Sir Wm. Colles, Kt.; and the officers of New Dominion Lodge,

New Hamburg, assisted by W. Bros. F. Zingg, John Risk, and Buchert.

I am pleased to be able to report all the Lodges in the District in a prosperous condition and working harmoniously, no complaint of any moment having been brought under my notice.

Thanking the brethren in the Wellington District for the many acts of kindness and courtesy received from them, and while resigning the trust placed in my hands a year ago, I would suggest to them to select as my successor a brother who has more time to devote to the business of the District, as I feel that my work, owing to press of private business, has been but imperfectly performed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. B. PETRIE,

Guelph, July 8th, 1872.

D. D. G. M. Wellington District.

### HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada, A.F. & A.M.

Once again I have the honor and privilege of submitting to Grand Lodge my annual report of the condition of Masonry in the Hamilton District, which might be compressed into one brief sentence, viz., peace, harmony and strict regularity prevail within our borders.

But notwithstanding the earnest desire of several members of Grand Lodge at its last Communication, to dispense with the reading of District Deputy Grand Master's reports, on account of their length and lack of interest, I deem the District over which I have had the honor to preside of too much importance to allow it to pass without more special notice, even at the risk of my report lacking in interest, although I shall endeavor to be as brief as possible.

There are eleven "warranted" Lodges in the District, and one U. D., and all presided over by bright, enthusiastic and

energetic Masons—good men and true, who have the interest, the well-being and prosperity of their respective Lodges at heart, and who appear thoroughly to understand the duties and requirements of their office. To these I attribute, in a great degree, the harmony and kindly feelings which prevail in all the Lodges. The warranted Lodges are .

Barton	Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton.
Strict Observa'ce	" " 27, "
St. John's	" " 40, "
Harmony	" " 57, Binbrook.
Acacia	" " 61, Hamilton.
Valley	" " 100, Dundas.
St. Clair	" " 135, Milton.
Burlington	" " 165, Wellington Square.
Wentworth	" " 166, Stoney Creek.
White Oak	" " 198, Oakville.
Credit	" " 219, Georgetown.

All of which, with one exception, I have visited officially, and cheerfully bear testimony to the highly satisfactory manner in which all their affairs are conducted, and the almost complete uniformity of the work.

The Lodge which I had not the pleasure of visiting, much to my regret, more especially as I was prevented last year from meeting with them, was Credit Lodge, Georgetown; for although on two occasions a day was set on which to visit them, a series of circumstances intervened to prevent the carrying out of the design, the particulars of which I believe the brethren of Credit Lodge fully understand.

I have been in communication, however, with W. Bro. Dr. Starr, the Master, who assures me that the Lodge is steadily progressing in every way, and that the greatest harmony prevails.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to grant a dispensation to form a Lodge in Ancaster, to be called Seymour Lodge, the application for which I had the pleasure

to recommend, Bro. Wm. Dewar being the W. M. elect. At present there are fourteen members; and if it shall please Grand Lodge to grant a charter, from what I know of the enthusiasm of the W. M. elect and the other petitioners, as well as being to some extent acquainted with the materials in that "new quarry," I venture to predict that it will never be a discredit to the M. W. honored brother whose name it bears.

Although I find the black ball has been used unsparingly in nearly all the Lodges, thereby showing that care and caution are observed, still, there have been no less than one hundred and five (105) initiations during the year, making the total number of Masons in good standing, belonging to Lodges in the District, seven hundred and ninety-six (796).

On the occasion of one of my official visits, I took the opportunity of investing our deservedly popular V.W. Bro. J. J. Mason as Assistant Grand Secretary, the M. W. Grand Master having been pleased to appoint him to that office.

I also attended in my official capacity at the Barton Lodge on St. John's Day (June), and, assisted by two of their Past Masters and the Worshipful Masters of several other Lodges in the District, installed and invested their officers for the current year.

I granted a dispensation to the Lodges in the city of Hamilton to attend divine service on the 24th December. An eloquent and instructive sermon was delivered on that occasion by Bro. the Rev. George Bridgman, of Brantford, which was listened to with pleased and marked attention by a large number of the brethren. At the conclusion, a collection was taken up on behalf of the Benevolent Fund of the city Lodges.

Amidst all the success attending the labors of the District, and the many causes for joy and rejoicing, yet it becomes my painful duty to record that the "grim king" has been stalking through our midst, dealing unsparing blows upon

both young and old, sometimes after a wearisome lingering on a bed of pain, and sometimes with awful rapidity without warning; and we have to mourn the loss of twelve of our brethren within the year, whom he has summoned before that Grand Lodge and Great Tribunal where no culprit can escape, and, as a tribute to their memory, I have herein recorded their names:

• Bro. Joseph Birney, Bro. J. Conway Brown, and Bro. William Davidson, of Barton Lodge, No. 6, the first of whom was initiated therein in February, 1803.

Bro. Walt. Armstrong, of Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27.

Bro. James Ed. Andrews and Bro. George Worthington, of St. John's Lodge, No. 40.

Bro. Arthur Tuckridge and Bro. James Blount, of Acacia Lodge, No. 61.

Bro. S. D. Parmenter, of Valley Lodge, No. 100.

W. Bro. Jno. J. Bradley, P. M. of Wentworth Lodge, No. 166; and

W. Bro. Solomon Page and Bro. Robert Guthrie, of Credit Lodge, No. 219.

Although desiring to express the same brotherly sympathy in all cases, there are two in the above which I would specially mention, and I might say in passing that they were the only times since my connexion with the Order on which I had occasion to conduct our services at a brother's grave. Those two are the names of Bro. James Blount and Bro. George Worthington; for having been requested by W. Bro. Hugh Murray and W. Bro. C. R. Smith, Worshipful Masters respectively of the Lodges of which the deceased brethren were members, to attend the funerals in my official capacity, I deemed it my melancholy duty to comply.

The circumstances attending the death of the first-named brother were peculiarly sad, having been summoned into

eternity without a moment's warning by a railway accident, in the spring time of life, leaving behind a sorrow-stricken widowed mother, of whom I have been given to understand he was the mainstay and support. Both of these funerals were largely attended by the members of the city Lodges.

There have been during the year two stranger brethren buried with masonic ceremonies; one, Bro. W. H. D. Rogers, of Ionia Lodge, Michigan, whose remains were accompanied from Ionia by four members of his Lodge, W. Bro. W. H. Dunne, Bros. R. H. Bedford, J. L. Hudson and W. Campbell, and taken to the residence of Alderman Kelly in the city of Hamilton, father-in-law of the deceased. The brethren of the city Lodges attended the funeral, the Barton Lodge taking charge of the obsequies, and the service conducted by V. W. Bro. Brierley.

The other case was that of a brother named Thomas McDonnell, of Philipstown Lodge, New York, who came amongst us to visit his relations, and in three days after his arrival had departed to that "undiscovered country." Two of the brethren of Valley Lodge, Dundas, who were intimately acquainted with deceased, called upon me and informed me that it had been a special request of the departed brother to be buried with masonic ceremonies. I acceded to the request and called a meeting of the fraternity, when the body of our stranger brother was committed to the silent tomb.

Before closing, I would take this opportunity of thanking the brethren in the District for their many acts of kindness and unvarying courtesy towards me; and would specially record my thanks to V. W. Bro. Brierley, who kindly acted as my secretary, and proved himself invaluable to me, almost on every visit accompanying me and rendering every assistance in his power.

And now, in conclusion, I would desire to express to Grand Lodge the pleasure which the brethren of this city feel in bidding you a welcome back after such a long absence,

and trust you may experience such treatment as will induce you to return again in as short a time as possible.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. MITCHELL,

Hamilton, 1st July, 1872.

D. D. G. M. Hamilton District.

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## NIAGARA DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—In presenting the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Niagara District, I have much pleasure in being able to state that great unanimity and harmony have prevailed in the District during the year, only one case of complaint having been brought under my notice ; but this, I regret to say, was of such a nature, that the Lodge of which the offending brother was a member, after having heard the evidence, decided on suspending him, with which decision I fully concurred.

I have granted during the year two dispensations to appear in masonic clothing ; one to Clifton Lodge, No. 254, to attend a pic-nic at Niagara on 31st August last, on which occasion the Ladies of Clifton presented the Lodge with a handsome Bible ; the other to Mountain Lodge, No. 221, at a conversazione held in the village of Thorold on 27th December (St. John the Evangelist's day), when the retiring Worshipful Master, V. W. Bro. John Dale, was presented by the brethren of that Lodge with an address, accompanied with a handsome silver tea service, as a token of their appreciation of his valuable services rendered the Lodge during the time that he has presided over its affairs.

In November last I attended and assisted the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in dedicating and constituting Clifton Lodge, No. 254, and installing the officers. I also installed the officers of Maple Leaf and Mountain Lodges on

27th December last; and Niagara Lodge, No. 2, on the 24th ultimo, the officers of the latter wearing for the first time their gold jewels and clothing authorized at last regular Communication of Grand Lodge.

In November last I received an application from a number of brethren to establish a new Lodge in the village of Jarvis, Ont., but declined under then existing circumstances to recommend the granting of a dispensation. I also received an application from the brethren of Port Dalhousie to establish a Lodge in that village, to be called "Seymour" Lodge. The Most Worshipful Grand Master having been pleased to grant a dispensation, in May last I attended and opened the Lodge, and I trust that Grand Lodge will see fit to confirm the dispensation by warrant.

I regret that ill health and professional duties have prevented me accomplishing my wish and intention to visit all the Lodges in the District. In February last I held a general Lodge of Instruction, which was honored by the presence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Harris, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. I. P. Willson, P. D. D. G. M., and several other distinguished brethren, and attended by a large number of the brethren of the District; and I have reason to believe that profit and satisfaction was the result, as many of the brethren have since expressed a strong desire for similar meetings annually.

I present herewith a tabular statement of work done in the several Lodges of the District for the year ending 24th June, 1872.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. M. WILLSON,

Niagara, Ont., 1st July, 1872.

D. D. G. M. Niagara District.



## TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada.

I have great pleasure in submitting my report for the third year during which I have presided over the Toronto District, especially as I am able to inform you that the same prosperity which in former years attended the craft has been continued throughout the year just ended, and that the distinguishing characteristics of Freemasonry abound among the brethren of our Lodges.

The M.W. the Grand Master has been pleased to grant dispensations, upon my recommendation, to three more Lodges in this District during the past year, viz: "Patterson" Lodge, at Concord; "Northern Light" Lodge, at Stayner; and "Thorne" Lodge, at Holland Landing. All of these Lodges are in the hands of expert and zealous craftsmen, and without doubt their affairs will be conducted with discretion and ability. There has not been time to hold a meeting under the dispensation issued for Thorne Lodge; but I have no hesitation in recommending that a warrant be issued for that as well as for the other two Lodges, which have been conducted under dispensations for some months past.

An application for a Lodge at Alliston, to be called the "Seymour" Lodge, has just been received by me; and as I have full confidence in the petitioners and the ability of the officers nominated, I think that a warrant in the first instance may with propriety be issued.

During the three years I have presided over this District, there have been eleven Lodges established therein, and one Lodge which had been dormant for many years has been revived. The number of Lodges has therefore in the above period been increased from twenty-three to thirty-four, whilst the active membership has in the like period increased from 1,030 to nearly 1,800. No stronger evidence could be

adduced of the interest taken in the cause of Masonry in this section of our jurisdiction.

The two Lodges in this District for which warrants were granted at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, viz., "Ashlar" Lodge at Yorkville, and "Caledonian" Lodge at Angus, have been duly constituted and consecrated, and I am glad to report that they have been well conducted.

I have during the year granted six dispensations for festivals and public processions on proper occasions. I have visited the Lodges whenever required, and through the kindness of brethren in various parts of the District, I have learned that the officers are, generally speaking, efficient and zealous, and that proper care is used in the selection of material introduced into the Lodges.

In December last I consented to the removal of York Lodge, No. 156, from Eglinton to Davisville, about half a mile south of the former place.

Whilst the conflagration which laid waste the prosperous city of Chicago was still raging, the fraternity of the city of Toronto, with characteristic liberality, hastened to the relief of their brethren in distress with the substantial contribution of \$700, which was remitted during the second day of that great fire, and which was handsomely and gratefully acknowledged by the recipients.

On the 7th and 8th of February last, I held a Lodge of Instruction in the Masonic Hall at Toronto, which was attended by over 230 brethren, including representatives from nearly every Lodge in the District. And as the Board of General Purposes met in Toronto at the same time, a large attendance of Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers during the sittings gave importance and interest to the proceedings. Without going into further details, I may state that the following, with other work, was engaged in:

1. The proper mode of examining a visitor.
2. The examination of candidates for the several degrees.
3. The ritual

of the first, second and third degrees. 4. Lectures on the tracing board. 5. The ceremony of installation of a W. M.; etc., etc.

The M. W. the G. M., the R. W. the Dep. G. M., and the R. W. the Grand Secretary, took part in the proceedings, and addressed the brethren present on the importance of the work before them.

On the 24th of May last, at the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, I officiated for him on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of a new church, to be called "St. Paul's" Church, to be erected at Washago by the members of the United Church of England and Ireland. The proceedings thereat were commenced in order, conducted in peace, and closed in harmony.

On the 13th of June last, the foundation stone of the new "Union Station" to be erected at Toronto, was laid by the M. W. the Grand Master, in the presence of a large concourse of the brethren and others interested in the proceedings assembled, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, which proved unfavorable. The brethren rejoiced to see their Grand Master restored to health sufficiently to enable him to conduct the ceremonies of the day.

In the name of the brethren of the Toronto District, I would express their fervent prayer that tho G. A. O. T. U. may be graciously pleased to spare him in the enjoyment of health and happiness for many years, to see the completion of the stately and superb edifice about to be erected upon the foundation stone so "truly laid" by him, and its adaptation to the purposes for which it has been designed.

In resigning the gavel, which has been for three successive years entrusted to my keeping by the brethren of the District, I cannot refrain from conveying to them my grateful acknowledgments of the uniform kindness which they have throughout my term of office extended towards me, and the fraternal consideration with which they have

received my suggestions, followed my directions, and deferred to my wishes. I shall ever be mindful of this, and I shall look back with feelings of the greatest pride and pleasure to the harmonious intercourse which I have so freely and so fully enjoyed.

May peace, love, and harmony ever prevail within our borders.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. K. KERR,

D. D. G. M. Toronto District.

### ONTARIO DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

In accordance with constitutional usage, I have much pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in the Ontario District; and in so doing, I am glad to be able to state that the craft is both healthy and prosperous, and the work generally conducted in accordance with the ritual of Grand Lodge.

It has afforded me much pleasure, after having examined each of the Masters nominated, to be able to recommend dispensations to three new Lodges in this District during my year of office, viz.: to "Brougham Union," at the village of Brougham, under the able Mastership of W. Bro. John P. Campbell; to "Cedar" Lodge, at the village of Oshawa, under an experienced P. M., W. Bro. James P. Smith; also to "Verulam" Lodge, at the village of Bobcaygeon, presided over by Bro. Colonel John Kennedy, whose zeal and indefatigability in the interest of the Lodge,—evinced by his travelling from Peterboro', a distance of some twenty miles, to attend all its meetings,—have been rewarded by seeing the membership increased from eleven in March last, when the Lodge was opened, to between thirty and forty good men and true at present. I would recommend that warrants

of constitution be granted to each of the above-named Lodges.

During the months of January and February last, I held a Lodge of Instruction of a week's duration in Port Hope, invitations to which, by circular, were sent to every Lodge in the District. These meetings were specially well attended by the members of both Lodges in the town; and their good results were manifested by the proficiency of many of the brethren in the work at the time of their discontinuance.

On the 13th, 14th and 15th of February, I also held a general Lodge of Instruction at Peterboro', which, however, was not so well attended as I could have desired; but the absence of brethren may, in some measure, be attributable to the stormy weather prevailing at the time. On this occasion I received valuable assistance from R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonnell, Past D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Dr. Kincaid, Past D. D. G. M.; and W. Bro. Ormond,—to whom my warmest thanks are due, and are herewith tendered.

A further Lodge of Instruction was held by me at Colborne, on the 20th and 21st ultimo, at the request of the Lodges in the eastern section of the District, and which, I have reason to hope, resulted in benefit to the brethren who attended it.

I must here return my hearty thanks to W. Bro. J. B. Traves, W. M. of Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope, for the kind and able assistance he rendered me at all the above Lodges of Instruction.

I regret that I have been unable to visit as many of the Lodges in the District as I could have wished. This is owing to their large number, viz., 23 at present, and the great area of country over which they are spread—sixty by fifty miles. My experience leads me to the conclusion that the cause of Masonry in the District would be materially benefitted, and uniformity of work better secured, if the District were divided.

During the year I have granted four dispensations, viz. : to Mount Zion Lodge, to wear regalia on the occasion of the dedication of a new Hall ; to Durham Lodge, Newcastle, to appear in regalia at a festival ; to Zeredatha Lodge, Uxbridge, for a like purpose ; and to St. John's Lodge, Cobourg, to wear regalia at a pic-nic to Rice Lake on the festival of St. John the Baptist.

Upon surrendering now the honor conferred upon me at last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, I would congratulate the District on the peace and harmony which have prevailed throughout, and also return my thanks to the officers and brethren of the Lodges for the uniform kindness and courtesy extended me while in the discharge of the duties appertaining to my office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. WRIGHT,

Port Hope, July 5th, 1872.

D. D. G. M. Ontario District.

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## PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada.

In accordance with the requirements of the constitution, I beg to submit the following brief report of my proceedings in the District of Prince Edward, over which I have had the honor to preside.

I regret that on account of unavoidable illness of about five months, I have not been able to carry out fully my intentions of visiting all the Lodges in my District, being thus prevented from performing the duties required of me. I trust that it will be overlooked by the Grand Lodge ; also by the different Lodges in my District which I have not had the pleasure of visiting.

From visiting a number of the Lodges, and from information received from brethren of the different Lodges, I can

safely say that the Lodges throughout the District, with one or two exceptions, are in a healthy and prosperous condition, and all appear to be actuated by that feeling of who best can work and who best agree.

There have been only two or three cases of complaint brought to my notice, all of which have been happily adjusted ; but I regret to say, that information being received by me of some illegal proceedings of Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford, and after a due investigation, I felt it my duty to suspend said Lodge for three months, or at the pleasure of the Grand Master. The reason for so doing was fully set forth in a report, and sent to the Grand Master. The Lodge has again resumed work in their new hall, and are, I believe, working in peace and harmony together.

By a request of the Worshipful Master and brethren of Quinte Lodge, No. 241, Shannonville, I had the honor of receiving a dispensation from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to lay the Corner Stone of the new Masonic Hall in that place, on the 15th of August last, on which occasion I was assisted by R. M. Bro. L. H. Henderson, Bro. Thos. Kelso, and the Worshipful Master and brethren of Quinte Lodge, as well as the Moira, Belleville, and Madoc Lodges. The proceedings were conducted in accordance with the ancient usages of the Order.

On request of each of the following Lodges, I granted dispensations for the brethren to appear in regalia at masonic celebrations on the festival of St. John the Evangelist, viz : the Moira Lodge, No. 11, Belleville ; Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee ; Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 119, Bath ; Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, Wellington.

I received two applications for the formation of two new Lodges ; one at Roslin, to be called the "Mystic" Lodge, the other at Napanee, to be called the "Mount Sinai" Lodge ; and on my recommendation, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was pleased to grant dispensations for the same, and for which I would recommend that warrants be granted.

The following are the deaths which have been reported to me: W. Bro. Marcus E. Rowe, Past Master of Franck Lodge, Frankford; he was buried with masonic honors on the 21st of November last. Bro. James Green, of Moira Lodge, Belleville; was buried with masonic honors on the 24th of April last. Bro. Robert Francis, of Trent Lodge, Trenton; was buried with masonic honors on the 24th December last. W. Bro. John Dench, Past Master of Trent Lodge, Trenton; was buried with masonic honors on the 31st of December last. Also Bro. Dr. Geo. Dickenson, of Dalhousie Lodge, Ottawa; who was buried with masonic honors on the 5th of September last, in Belleville.

In conclusion, I beg leave to thank the brethren of those Lodges I have visited for the courtesy and kindness shown to me during my visit.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

E. C. FLINT,

D. D. G. M. Prince Edward District.

Since writing the above report, I have granted two dispensations; one to the Union Lodge, No. 9, Napance, to appear in masonic clothing on the occasion of laying the corner stone of the new Methodist Church in that place, on the 6th of July; the other to Tweed Lodge, No. 239, Tweed, on the occasion of celebrating the festival of St. John the Baptist, by marching in procession and afterwards to dine together clothed as Masons, on the 24th of June.

E. C. F.

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## ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

I have the honor to submit my report on the state of Freemasonry in the St. Lawrence District for the past year,

and have much pleasure in saying, that with one exception, prosperity, peace and harmony prevail in all the Lodges.

I regret to say that the troubles which have existed for some time back in Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, still remain unsettled. All the papers connected with this unfortunate affair are in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and it is therefore unnecessary for me to enter further upon the subject at present.

My first official visit, after being installed as D. D. G. M., was to Minden Lodge, to install the W. M. and other officers, they having just received their warrant from Grand Lodge.

On December 27th I installed the W. M. and other officers of St. John's, No. 3, and Cataraqui, No. 92; the former at high twelve, and the latter at 7 o'clock, p. m. According to time-honored custom, both Lodges dined in the evening; St. John's at Bro. Swales' British American Hotel, and Cataraqui at the Anglo-American.

On February 12th I granted permission to the members of St. John's, Cataraqui and Minden Lodges, to appear in regalia at a concert and ball in the City Hall, Kingston, which was numerously attended by the brethren and their friends.

On the 14th Feb., accompanied by R. W. Bro. Wilkinson, P. D. D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. Oldrieve, P. M. Cataraqui Lodge, and other brethren from Kingston, I visited McCoy Lodge, at Escott, for the purpose of dedicating their new Lodge-room, and installing the W. M. and other officers. After the ceremony, the brethren entertained us very hospitably in the new Township Hall, where a large number of the craft and their families honored us with their presence.

Next day I visited Leeds Lodge, No. 201, and dedicated a new and very handsome Lodge-room, and installed the W. M. and other officers. I was kindly assisted on this

occasion by M. W. P. G. M. Simpson and R. W. Bro. Wilkinson, P. D. D. G. M. After the ceremony we were cordially invited to a sumptuous banquet which had been prepared in honor of our visit. A large number of the craft, with their wives and daughters, honored us with their presence. After the banquet, an adjournment was made to the Lodge-room, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

I am happy to mention that the ladies of Gananoque take a lively interest in the cause of Masonry, they having presented the brethren of Leeds Lodge with a handsome melodeon, the music from which added very much to the solemnity of the ceremony of the dedication and installation.

I also visited Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith, accompanied by a large number of the brethren from Kingston, for the purpose of dedicating their new room. Our party was cordially received and hospitably entertained by W. Bro. Dupuis and the brethren of Albion Lodge.

On June 24th I visited Minden Lodge, and installed the W. M. and other officers into their respective chairs at high noon. After the installation the members of the Lodge, with a large number of guests, made an excursion on board the Steamer "Rochester" to Clayton, where we were met and welcomed by a number of our American brethren. After spending an hour or two very pleasantly, we bade adieu to our kind friends, and reached Kingston about 8 o'clock in the evening.

In conclusion I would take this opportunity of returning my most sincere thanks to the brethren who elected me to the high and honorable office which I now hold, and to the W. M. and brethren of various Lodges which I had the honor to visit, for the kind, courteous and fraternal reception which I received at their hands, and for the prompt and explicit replies I received from Masters of Lodges on all occasions when I made enquiries on any subject connected with my office. I have also to acknowledge with many

thanks the promptness with which the Grand Secretary attended to my communications and enquiries during my term of office, and to whom I am under many obligations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN KERR,

Kingslon, 30th June, 1872.

D. D. G. M. St. Lawrence District.

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## OTTAWA DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

I have the honor, in accordance with constitution requirements, to submit my report with regard to the condition of Masonry in the Ottawa District.

The Ottawa District now contains 22 Lodges, four having been added during the year,—two by affiliation, and two by dispensation. The two affiliating Lodges are St. John's, No. 524, and Dalhousie, No. 571, formerly on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England. The two Lodges under dispensation are "Chaudière," at Ottawa, and "Pontiac," at Onslow. I have officially visited 19 out of the 22 Lodges, and am enabled to report that they are in a satisfactory condition, the work being conducted as closely to the established ritual of Grand Lodge, as can be expected from the limited opportunity that the Masters and Wardens have of becoming acquainted with the same. Nothing short of the appointment of Grand Lecturers will ever secure that great *desideratum*—uniformity of work.

With regard to the Lodges under dispensation, I have the honor to recommend that charters be granted them, the W. M.'s having proved themselves competent to carry on the work.

The accession to our number of the two Lodges formerly holding from the Grand Lodge of England, is a source of great gratification to the brethren in the District, and I am

sure must be so to the Grand Lodge. The kindest relations have ever existed between these Lodges and our own in the past, and we welcome them to our Grand Lodge in the most cordial manner.

I regret to have to call the attention of Grand Lodge to the proceedings of St. John's Lodge, No. 159, Grand Registry of Ireland. This Lodge has for years past acted in a most irregular manner; and though the fact has been presented to the parent Grand Lodge in the strongest terms, and redress sought, yet none has been granted. In fact, no acknowledgment has been made of the receipt of our communications; but on the contrary, the erring Lodge has been allowed to pursue its course, and has even obtained the sanction of their Grand Lodge to their removal to the town of L'Original, and that since the receipt of our complaint. I sincerely trust that Grand Lodge will take such action as will ameliorate the state of affairs now existing, as the well-being of the Lodges at Plantagenet and Hawkesbury depend upon some remedy being applied.

During the past year, a number of the Lodges have found it necessary to obtain larger and better Lodge accommodation, especially those in Ottawa, Perth and Pembroke. The Lodge-room in the former place will be, when completely fitted up, second to none; while in the latter place, we see the love entertained for our institution by the brethren finds forcible expression by their subscribing from their private funds over \$1,000 to properly furnish their new Lodge-room, which will be a credit to them and the craft when completed. In many other instances, the prosperity of the Lodges is evidenced by their making their Lodges more suitable.

Few deaths have been reported to me during the year. The only ones are: Bros. Cowley and Gordon, of St. Francis Lodge, No. 24; Bros. Stoepelben and Abbott, of Civil Service Lodge, No. 148; Bro. Lane, of Corinthian Lodge, No. 59; and Bro. Gallup, of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52; of whom, Bros. Cowley, Stoepelben and Gallup were interred with masonic ceremonies.

Assisted by a number of well-skilled brethren, I held a Lodge of Instruction at Almonte, in April last, which was well attended, and from which, I am happy to state, the best results flowed. A large number attended, and the greatest interest was manifested, the work in the three degrees being exemplified. The brethren at Almonte made the most satisfactory arrangements for the accommodation of the brethren, and entertained them in excellent style.

Indifferent health prevented me holding more meetings for instruction; but being now, by the blessing of the G. A. O. T. U., restored to health, I purpose continuing them.

To the brethren of the Lodges I have visited I desire to return my thanks for their kind hospitalities, and to the brethren of the District in general for the kindness and courtesy which they have always accorded me, and the readiness with which they have acted upon the advice and suggestions that I may have had occasion to offer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD C. BARBER,

D. D. G. M. Ottawa District.

### MONTREAL DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—In compliance with the requirements of the constitution, I beg to submit my annual report. In doing so, I am happy to state that the seven Lodges in the Montreal District now holding warrants from this Grand Lodge are working harmoniously and well; and I have everywhere found the sentiment of loyalty to this Grand Lodge as deeply (or, if possible, more deeply) rooted as ever in the breast of every Mason in my jurisdiction.

My first official act was the constituting of the Lodge of "Union of Strict Observance" (to which a warrant was granted at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge),

and installing its officers, on the 18th September last, in which ceremony I was most ably assisted by M. W. Bro. Stevenson.

Some time during the summer, ( I don't now remember the date), I granted a dispensation for the brethren to appear in regalia at a lecture delivered by Bro. the Rev. E. M. Myers.

On St. John's day, Dec. 27th, 1871, I installed the W. M.'s and officers of seven Lodges, among them the W. M.'s of Zetland, and Union of Strict Observance Lodges, who were promoted from the floor of the Lodge, and installed by dispensation from M. W. Bro. Seymour. On the same day, I granted dispensations to the members of St. George's Lodge and to Mount Royal Lodge, to appear in regalia, the former at a dinner and the latter at a ball.

In saying that I have very frequently visited every Lodge in my District, I lay claim to no merit, as they are all situated in the city of Montreal; and I am happy to state that it was upon very rare occasions indeed that I was called upon to interfere with the working of the Lodges.

During the months of April and May, I held a District Lodge of Instruction on every Wednesday evening, which, though not so well attended as I could have wished, was still (I am led to believe) conducive to great good.

The best proof which I can adduce of the peace, love and harmony which prevails among the brethren in the Montreal District, is the fact that with the exception of the opening of a Lodge without the presence of the warrant, I have had no case of masonic complaint laid before me.

It affords me great pleasure gratefully to acknowledge the uniform kindness and courtesy I have at all times received from my brethren of Montreal.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

JOHN URQUHART, JUN'R,

Montreal, July 9th, 1872.

D. D.G.M. Montreal District

## BEDFORD DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada.

It will be a source of gratification to all good Masons, to know that in the District of Bedford, where so many influences have been constantly at work to weaken the allegiance which the brethren there bear to this Grand Lodge, *all* the Lodges in that District which were represented here one year ago are with us still, and are mostly in a flourishing condition, both as regards numerical increase and constitutional vigor.

The increase in numbers of several Lodges has been especially great during the past year, and the character of Masonry in that vicinity has certainly not suffered by the acquisition of many new members, calculated to adorn and ennoble any society with which they may become connected.

I visited nearly all the Lodges in the District, and installed most of the officers; and while I heartily rejoice at the harmony and good will which exists everywhere, I avail myself of this opportunity of acknowledging the uniform courteous and friendly manner in which I was received and treated as the humble representative of this Grand Lodge.

The new Lodge at West Shefford, established by special dispensation, is in a flourishing condition, under the able and careful guidance of W. Bro. G. H. Allen, P. M. of Shefford Lodge, No. 53.

I regret to be obliged to report the secession of a few of the members of Dorchester Lodge, No. 4; but notwithstanding this schism, Dorchester Lodge continues full of life and vigor, as she well may under the able and painstaking care of her worthy Master, and the large number of intelligent and influential brethren who stand faithfully by him and this Grand Lodge.

It gives me great pleasure to record the fact that no charge has been preferred against any brother, and but one

against any Lodge in my District. My attention was called by the Grand Secretary to a rumour of certain irregularities in Prevost Lodge, No. 1; but a thorough investigation of the matter convinced me that the allegations were incorrect, and I reported accordingly.

Before concluding, I feel it my duty to refer to the sorrow and disappointment experienced by the brethren in Bedford District, at the refusal of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec to accept the basis of union aimed at by the joint committee appointed to adjust and forever settle the unhappy differences existing between Masons in that Province. Anxious to do everything in their power to remove the scandal, heal the wound inflicted on the masonic body, and, if possible, assuage the pain, they yielded up in the interest of peace everything save their own existence; but when it became generally known that a union could only be effected by blotting out of existence some of our most respectable Lodges, and declaring many of our most exemplary brethren clandestine, the loyal brethren there, as elsewhere throughout the Province of Quebec, re-affirmed their loyalty to this Grand Body, and are unanimously determined to pay no allegiance to any other.

It is my melancholy duty to record the death of our much-lamented W. Bro. J. B. Lay, P. M. of Shefford Lodge, for many years an exemplary Mason, a pillar of wisdom, and an esteemed member of society. After a lingering illness, which he bore with true masonic fortitude, he died at Waterloo during the past month, and was interred with masonic ceremonies, M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson acting as Chaplain.

I have the honor to subscribe myself,

Your obedient servant,

JNO. ERSKINE, M. D.,

D. D. G. M. Bedford District.

## PROVINCE OF MANITOBA.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor to report that Masonry is progressing favorably in this Province, and with few exceptions, that unanimity prevails.

Shortly after my arrival here, I was recommended by the two existing Lodges to fill the high office of D. D. G. M., which recommendation the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to accept. On the 27th December last, I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 240, which Lodge, I am happy to say, is increasing in numbers, and working according to the approved ritual.

I could not, for various reasons, install the officers of Lisgar Lodge, No. 244, but deputed W. Bro. Geraghty, W.M. of Minden Lodge, to perform that ceremony, which he did with the assistance of other Past Masters.

With regard to Assiniboine Lodge, No. 251, after some trouble I at last got a letter from W. Bro. Charles Curtis, a copy of which I give.

“PORTAGE LAKES, May 27th, 1872.

“BROTHER NOEL,

“I am sorry to say that I have not a very encouraging report to give. The Lodge has had only one Regular Communication since the receipt of the dispensation; this R. M. was held on 5th December, 1871. Our difficulty is that we have only a sufficient number of members to form the Lodge, and almost invariably some one or more are unable to attend at the date of the R. M., either owing to absence from the place or other causes.

“No dues have been transmitted to Grand Lodge; the officers have not been installed. What course to pursue under the present circumstances of the Lodge, I am unable to determine. If I could see you and talk the matter over, it would be most satisfactory; but I am so fixed at present that I cannot leave home.

"I have no fault to find with any of the brethren ; their absence has always been unavoidable. Please write and inform me what is likely to be done with us.

"Fraternally yours,

(Signed,) "CHAS. CURTIS,

"JOHN V. NOEL, Esq., D. D. G. M.,

"W. Master.

"Winnipeg.

I have not answered this letter, preferring to leave it to Grand Lodge to deal with the matter. After talking the circumstances over with some of the leading Masons of that part of the Province, I would recommend that time be given, if not contrary to masonic law ; for I think, from the influx of settlers, that in due time that Lodge will be in good working order.

As to the International Lodge, No. 252, I have the authority of the W. Master elect, Frederic J. Bradley, for saying that there is not the least hope of that Lodge ever being organized, and he wishes to return the charter. From my knowledge of North Pembina and its inhabitants, I quite agree with him, and do recommend the surrender of the charter.

I granted dispensations to Prince Rupert's Lodge and to Lisgar Lodge, the former to appear in regalia at a ball given by them on 27th of last December, and the latter to attend a pic-nic on 24th inst., St. John the Baptist's day.

In concluding this short report, I beg to thank the brethren of this District for the kindness and courtesy extended to me on all occasions.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN V. NOEL,

Winnipeg, Manitoba, June 20th, 1872.

D. D. G. M. Province of Manitoba.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. Vincent Clementi, and

RESOLVED,—That the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters just read, be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, on behalf of the President of the Board of General Purposes, submitted and read the following

### ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes has the honor to report, for the information of Grand Lodge, that its annual meeting was held in the city of Toronto, on the 6th day of February last. The books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, together with the accounts, statements and vouchers, for the financial year ending 31st December, 1871, were submitted and carefully examined; and the Board has pleasure in stating that they were found to be in every respect correct. The following is a statement of the finances of Grand Lodge at that date.

#### AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The receipts for the past year amount to \$10,346.64, derived from the following sources :

Certificates .....	\$2,634 00
Dues .....	4,747 13
Fees .....	1,802 50
Dispensations .....	524 00
Warrants.....	240 00
Constitutions .....	390 85
Proceedings .....	8 16
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	\$10,346 64

The Grand Treasurer's statement shows the following amounts at the credit of Grand Lodge :

General Fund.....	\$26,034 96
Asylum Fund.....	5,680 31
Benevolence Fund, investment acct....	11,434 15
“ “ current “ ....	1,306 14
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	\$44,455 56

Which are invested, viz.:

Dominion Stock, bearing 6 per cent....	\$28,800 00
“ “ “ 5 “ ....	10,000 00
Middlesex Debentures, 6 “ ....	1,600 00
Bank of Toronto, bal. on 1st July, 1871	736 31
“ “ interest on Dominion Stock accrued.....	144 00
Bank of Commerce, balance .....	3,175 25
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	\$44,455 56

The expenditure amounted to the sum of \$9,892.18, the details of which have already been furnished to Lodges, in the published annual statement. It is proper, however, to say, that of this sum no less than \$5,479.39 was for transfers to Benevolent Fund, including the \$2,000 voted for relief of Chicago sufferers; so that the ordinary expenses, of salaries, printing, certificates, expenses of Board, etc., amounted to £4,412.79.

#### ACCOUNTS PAID.

The Board has ordered the payment of the following accounts:

Lawson, McCulloch & Co., printing and stationery.....	\$489 70
On which payment has been made, 29th June, \$250.00.	
T. & R. White, printing.....	20 00
Buntin, Gillies & Co., stationery .....	22 15
W. Bruce, engrossing warrants .....	6 16
W. F. Mackay, engraving, etc.....	6 25
Henry Groff, postages, etc.....	3 26
Grand Secretary, expenses attending Ann. Communication .....	29 75
Salary Assistant G. Sec.'s office.....	268 00
Grand Sec'y, sundry expenses attending G. M.....	9 00
President of Board, to defray balance due from the expenses of Board in July last	16 83
Contingent expenses, Balance due for postage, etc.....	31 80
Copp, Clark & Co., printing certificates...	348 32
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	\$1,251 22

## BENEVOLENCE.

The Board has had under consideration the several applications for relief, and after due consideration, made the following appropriations, to be paid from the Fund of Benevolence at the disposal of the Board, viz.:

Applicant.	Sum Allowed.	Payable Through.
1. Mrs. W.....	\$20	.....R. W. Bro. Wm. McCabe.
2. Mrs. McF.....	20	.....W. M. Lodge No. 26.
3. Mrs. W.....	40	....." " " 114.
4. Mrs. B.....	20	.....R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller.
5. Mrs. C.....	20	....." " A. B. Petrie.
6. Mrs. H.....	40	....." " Allan McLean.
7. Bro. T.....	20	....." " Dr. Kincaid.
8. Mrs. J.....	45	.....M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson.
9. Mrs. McD... .	30	....." " "
10. Bro. C... ..	20	.....R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown.
11. Bro. M.....	20	.....W. M. Lodge No. 43.
12. Bro. I.....	40	....." " " 205.
13. Bro. C.....	20	.....R. W. Bro. J. Parry.
14. Mrs. B.....	20	....." " P. J. Brown.
15. Mrs. T... ..	20	.....W. M. Lodge No. 42.
16. Mrs. G... ..	20	....." " " 42.
17. Bro. F... ..	30	....." " " 119.
18. Bro. T.....	20	....." " " 192.
19. Bro. B... ..	20	.....W. Bro. F. J. Menet.
20. Bro. M.....	20	....." " "
21. Mrs. D... ..	20	.....R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens.
22. Bro. B.....	20	....." " "
23. Mrs. C... ..	20	.....V. W. Bro. J. Bain.
24. Bro. R.....	25	.....R. W. Bro. R. M. Willson.
25. Mrs. P... ..	30	....." " D. Spry.
26. Mrs. H.....	20	....." " "
27. Mrs. K.....	25	.....W. M. Lodge No. 3.
28. Mrs. C... ..	30	....." " " 110.
29. Bro. S.....	25	.....M. W. Bro. Stevenson.
30. Mrs. S.....	20	....." " Bernard.
31. Toronto Board of Relief.....	150	.....R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr.
32. Montreal " ...	100	....." " J. Urquhart, jr.
33. Hamilton " ...	100	....." " Edward Mitchell.
34. Kingston " ...	75	....." " John Kerr.
35. Ottawa " ...	75	....." " Edward Barber.
36. Mrs. M.....	30	....." " Thos. White, jr.
37. Bro. G... ..	20	....." " J. K. Kerr.
38. Bro. McC.....	50	.....Funeral expenses of Bro. W.

## GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Board has taken action upon the following cases of grievances and appeal :

In the case of Bro. I. Saywright—standing over from the last meeting of the Board, in consequence of the evidence being insufficient,—as no evidence has been presented at this meeting, the Board requests the D. D. G. M. of St. Clair District to see what evidence can be produced ; and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify the parties that unless evidence is produced on the *first* day of the meeting of the Board in July next, the Board will recommend to Grand Lodge that Brother Saywright be restored to full masonic standing ; and in the meantime, the suspension is removed. .

R. W. Bro. J. R. Franck, having been summoned to show cause why he should not be expelled, and not having appeared, the Board recommends that unless he shows cause on the *first* day of the meeting of the Board in July, he be expelled from the craft ; notice to be sent to him, and he summoned.

As to the communication of Bro. Wm. Lynn Smart, respecting the installation of Bro. H. W. Davies as W. M. of Ionic Lodge, No. 25, the Board considers that Bro. Davies had served the office of Warden for one year, and consequently was entitled to be installed as W. M. of that Lodge.

## GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

A letter having been received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient of France, relative to the vote of \$250 by Grand Lodge towards the relief of the sufferers by the late Franco-Prussian war, the President of the Board was instructed to transmit to the Grand Orient the said sum of \$250. The receipt of the money has been acknowledged in a letter addressed to the Grand Secretary.

## ASSISTANCE IN GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The question of assistance in the office of Grand Secretary was brought under the notice of your Board, and the sum allowed for this purpose was increased from \$500 to \$650.

## THE CHICAGO FIRE.

The terrible calamity which befel the city of Chicago last year, and the universal sympathy which that calamity elicited throughout the civilized world, will be in the lively recollection of Grand Lodge. The M. W. the Grand Master, conceiving the case to be one in which the benevolence of Grand Lodge might and ought to be exercised, suggested to the President of the Board that the sum of two thousand dollars should be granted for the relief of the sufferings of Masons and their families; the suggestion was concurred in, and the money transmitted. The Board cordially approved of the proceeding, and sanction the grant. At the same time, they express the opinion that it ought not to be drawn into a general precedent. The circumstances were so exceptional in their character—the calamity was such a sudden and terrible one—that every heart was stirred with sympathy towards the sufferers; and the Board with confidence submits their action in this matter to the approval of Grand Lodge.

## INVESTMENT OF GRAND LODGE FUNDS.

In accordance with the request of Grand Lodge, the sum of \$10,000 has been invested in Dominion Stock, bearing five per cent. interest.

## RE-PRINTING THE PROCEEDINGS.

The question of re-printing the proceedings of Grand Lodge from the commencement, has engaged the attention of the Board. Tenders have been asked for, on carefully prepared specifications, and have been received. Circulars have been issued to Lodges, asking what number of, if any

copies would be required; and such returns have been received, as will enable the Board to make a formal recommendation to Grand Lodge on the subject at its present Communication.

The whole respectfully and fraternally submitted.

THOS. WHITE, JUN'R,

President B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. McCabe, and

RESOLVED,—That the annual report of the Board be received.

R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson submitted the following semi-annual report on

### AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report as follows :

That they have carefully examined the books of the Grand Secretary, and find them to be correct in every particular.

The amounts received by him for the half year ending 30th June, 1872, being for

Certificates.....	\$1,523 00
Dues.....	2,591 72
Fees.....	987 50
Dispensations .....	371 00
Warrants.....	30 00
Constitutions.....	320 83
Proceedings.....	0 25

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Total.....\$5,824 30

The Grand Treasurer's statement is as follows :

ASSETS.

Dominion Stock, at 6 per cent.,	\$28,800	
“ “ at 5 per cent.,	10,000	38,800 00
County of Middlesex Debentures.....	1,600	00
Cash in Bank of Commerce.....	6,206	25
Cash in Bank of Toronto on 31st Dec., 1871.....	\$880	31
Interest on Dominion Stock, due and deposited.....	\$144.00	1,024 31
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		\$47,630 56

Representing the following balances at credit of the various accounts in the books of the Grand Lodge:

General Fund.....	\$28,251	70
Asylum Fund.....	5,824	31
Benevolent Fund, invested acc.	\$11,434.15	
10 per cent. on receipts in 1871,	1,034.66	12,468 81
Benevolent Fund, current account,.....	1,085	74
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		47,630 56

The Committee recommend payment of the following accounts :

Lawson, McCulloch & Co., printing.....	\$249	65
William Bruce, address to Queen.....	36	01
Buntin, Gillies & Co., stationery.....	14	00
Grand Secretary, expenses attending Grand Lodge and Board meetings.....	33	45
Assistance in Grand Secretary's office.....	250	00
Grand Sec'y, bal. incidental expenses.....	16	12
Copp, Clark & Co., printing and parchment	75	75
Chairman Foreign Correspondence, services preparing report.....	50	00
Grand Master, incidental expenses.....	50	00
J. J. Mason, subscription for Craftsman....	3	00
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		777 98

The Board recommends that \$5,000 of the cash in Bank of Commerce be invested in a permanent stock.

The Board is of opinion that it is unnecessary to audit the accounts in full at the semi-annual meetings of the Board. All that is required is for the Grand Secretary to show the amount of money received and paid over to the Treasurer, showing his receipts for the same, as all accounts, books and vouchers for the whole year have to be examined and audited at the annual meeting, which is the end of our fiscal year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALLAN McLEAN,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. Mitchell, and

RESOLVED,—That the semi-annual report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received.

R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson submitted the following report from the Masonic Asylum Trust :

### REPORT.

The Masonic Asylum Trust have to report that the amount in the Bank of Toronto on deposit is now \$1,058.66, having been increased last year by the sum of \$322.35, being for interest on Dominion stock and deposits, the former at 6 and the latter at 4 per cent., as shown by the following statement :

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Balance last annual report.....	\$5,536 31
Interest, Dominion Stock.....	288 00
“ Deposits.....	34 35
Total.....	<u>\$5,858 66</u>

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By Dominion Stock (amount \$4,386.00).....	\$4,800 00
Balance in Bank.....	1,058 66
Total.....	<u>\$5,858 66</u>

The Trust regret that so little progress has been made in furtherance of the desirable object for which the fund has been created, but from information recently laid before the Trust it is expected that a feasible proposal will be submitted to the Grand Lodge at its next session, which will merit its approval, and secure the cordial co-operation of the brethren.

KIVAS TULLY,  
Chairman.  
JAMES BAIN,  
A. DE GRASSI.

Toronto, July 8th, 1872.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Asylum Trust be received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson submitted the following report on the

### CONDITION OF MASONRY.

The Board has considered the reports of the D. D. G. M.'s of the St. Clair, London, Wilson, Huron, Wellington, Hamilton, Niagara, Toronto, Ontario, Prince Edward, St. Lawrence, Ottawa, Montreal and Bedford Districts, also the report on the Manitoba District.

These reports show a general healthy and prosperous condition of the Craft throughout the whole country, a large increase in both lodges and members, and at the same time an increased desire to look carefully to the quality rather than the quantity of material used in the building.

The D. D. G. M.'s continue to show great industry in visiting and instructing the Lodges in their respective

Districts, and D. G. Lodges of instruction show a marked increase, having been during the year held in six districts, and in some of them two or three have been held in different localities. The marked improvement from holding these Lodges, and from the more frequent visits of the D. D. G. M.'s, is spoken of by all, and in only one report is the necessity of a Grand Lecturer suggested. The Board is of opinion that the mode of instruction adopted by these districts would be highly beneficial to all.

In most of the districts there were not many complaints, and with a few exceptions, they were easily disposed of.

A number of dispensations were granted by the D. D. G. M.'s of the respective districts to hold festivals, which are reported to have been conducted with peace, harmony and good will, but in four districts the D. D. G. M.'s have granted dispensations to hold balls. The authority to grant such dispensations has been frequently declared to rest in the M. W. the G. M. alone.

Several Lodge rooms were destroyed by fire during the last year, but in every case the brethren zealously and heartily went to work to build. Many Lodges are also reported as procuring more suitable accommodation, and the members of one Lodge in Pembroke have subscribed over \$1,000 to refurnish and adorn their Lodge room.

Amongst the pleasing incidents that have occurred during the year it should be specially mentioned that in the Wilson and Wellington Districts, and also in the city of Toronto, subscriptions were made by the Lodges for the sufferers by the Chicago fire, for which the brethren were warmly thanked by the M. W. the G. M. of Illinois, the Chairman of the Masonic Board of Relief in Chicago.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY MACPHERSON,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. John Wright, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

The Grand Secretary read a letter from the superintendent of the Mechanic's Institute, informing Grand Lodge that the reading room and library of the Institute were open for the use of the members of Grand Lodge during the Annual Communication.

It was moved by W. Bro. R. Stark, seconded by V. W. Bro. J. B. Holden, and

RESOLVED,—That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the President and Directors for their courtesy and kind offer, which would be doubtless freely acted upon by the members.

A letter was read from W. Bro. the Rev. E. M. Myers, presenting to Grand Lodge, for distribution amongst the Representatives present, three hundred (300) copies of a Lecture on the Origin and History of Freemasonry, delivered by him at a meeting of the fraternity held in Montreal.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Chauncey Bennett, seconded by R. W. Bro. David McLellan, and

RESOLVED,—That the thanks of Grand Lodge be hereby tendered to W. Bro. the Rev. E. M. Myers for the same.

V. W. Bro. James Bain gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that the village of Yorkville, in the township of York, in the Toronto District, be masonically included in the jurisdiction of the city of Toronto.

The Grand Secretary, on behalf of the editor (R. W. Bro. T. S. Parvin), presented to Grand Lodge a bound copy of the *Evergreen* for the years 1868, 1869 and 1870 complete, for the use of the library of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. McLellan, seconded by W. Bro. R. Stark, and

RESOLVED,—That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the editor of the *Evergreen* for his valuable presentation, and that the same be placed in the library of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary presented, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, a neatly bound copy of a reprint of its proceedings from the year 1786 to 1857.

It was moved by W. Bro. Wm. Forbes, seconded by V. W. Bro. Chauncey Bennett, and

RESOLVED,—That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and that the volume be placed in the library of Grand Lodge.

The following notices of motion were given for the holding the next Annual Communication, viz.:

R. W. Bro. A. G. Macdonell,	Toronto.
“ “ “ Geo. Billington,	London.
V. “ “ Chauncey Bennett,	Montreal.
“ “ W. H. Ballard,	Chatham.
“ “ S. E. Mitchell,	Pembroke.
“ “ H. McK. Wilson,	Brantford.
“ “ Wm. Forbes,	Grimsby.

In accordance with motion at the last Annual Communication,

It was moved by W. Bro. R. Nancollas, seconded by W. Bro. S. E. Mitchell,

That all business in private lodges in connection with this Grand Lodge be conducted in the Third Degree.

After some discussion the M. W. Grand Master ruled that this resolution was not in order, inasmuch as the notice did not state that it was an amendment to the Constitution.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. V. Clementi, and

RESOLVED,—That Clause 1, "of Board of General Purposes," in the Book of Constitution be amended by inserting the words "Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Canada," after the words "the Board shall consist of the Grand Master."

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 7.30 P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 8 o'clock, P. M.

#### PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, P. G. M., as Grand Master,  
On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following report on

#### WARRANTS.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report that they have examined the books, papers, &c., of the following Lodges under dispensation, viz.:

Oak Branch,	Innerkip,	Ont.
Forest,	Forest,	"
Chaudiere,	Ottawa,	"
Patterson,	Concord,	"
Northern Light,	Stayner,	"
Seymour,	Ancaster,	"

Verulam,	Bobcaygeon, Ont.
Brougham Union,	Brougham, “
Cedar,	Oshawa, “
Kent,	Blenheim, “
Teeswater,	Teeswater, “
Mystic,	Roslin, “
Mount Sinai,	Napanee, “

The Board have also had before it applications from the following :

Eureka,	Belleville, Ont.
St. John's,	Ainleyville “
Seymour,	Alliston, “

Applying for Warrants, they not having had dispensations.

They have examined into the merit of the several applications, and recommend that warrants be granted by the Grand Lodge to all the lodges before named.

H. MACPHERSON,

Chairman B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. Mitchell, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson submitted and read the report of the Board on reprinting the proceedings.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Allan McLean, and seconded by R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens,

That the report of the Board on reprinting the proceedings be received and adopted.

In amendment it was moved by W. Bro. N. Gordon Bigelow, seconded by W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, and

RESOLVED,—That the report be not now adopted, but be referred back to the Board of General Purposes, with instructions to insert four hundred copies (400) as the number of copies to be ordered, before printing the proceedings, of which number the Grand Lodge to subscribe for and take one hundred (100) copies.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken on the amendment, it was declared in the affirmative.

R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr submitted the following report of the Board of General Purposes on

#### GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Board of General Purposes begs leave to submit the following report on Grievances and Appeals:

1. The Board having considered the evidence submitted in the case of Bro. Anthony Skelding, of St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44—and in that of Bro. Thomas Taylor, of Lisgar Lodge, No. 244—do recommend that both of the said brethren be expelled from the craft for grossly unmasonic conduct.

2. The appeal of Bro. Henderson, of Prince Edward's Lodge, No. 240, having been considered, the Board is of the opinion that a motion to recommend a new Lodge is in order at a regular meeting of the nearest Lodge, and may be entertained without any previous notice at any previous meeting of such Lodge; and that therefore the appeal must be sustained.

3. The appeal of Bro. Myers, and that of Bro. Carman, both of Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, against their suspension by that Lodge, with the evidence offered concerning the same, having received consideration, the Board begs leave to report that whilst Bro. Myers and Bro. Carman were both guilty of most unbecoming conduct during the time the Lodge was in session, it is the opinion of the Board that such conduct did not under the circumstances merit

suspension; and it is therefore recommended that both appeals be allowed, and that the suspension of Bro. Myers and Bro. Carman be removed.

The Board regrets the evidence in this case discloses an unhappy state of affairs in this Lodge, and urges that in future more consideration should be shown by the brethren of the Lodge for the views and feelings of each other; and that the W. Master do enforce greater regularity and order in the conduct of the affairs of the Lodge.

4. The complaint of Bro. Sedgwick and twenty other members of Tudor Lodge, No. 141, against the action of the W. M. and Secretary of that Lodge, with reference to their conduct on the application of Craig Lodge for permission to initiate Mr. Davis, who resided within the jurisdiction of the former Lodge, having been considered, the Board is of the opinion that inasmuch as no Lodge can, since the amendment of the constitution at the last regular Communication of Grand Lodge, give any effectual consent to the initiation in another Lodge of a candidate resident beyond the jurisdiction of such Lodge, neither can the W. M. nor the Secretary give any such consent; and that the Secretary of a Lodge should not presume to write in the name of a Lodge, or affix the seal of the Lodge to any such letter, without the sanction of the members of the Lodge first obtained at a meeting; and that the Secretary of a Lodge should read in open Lodge all communications addressed to him upon masonic business connected with his Lodge.

5. In the appeal of Bro. Saywright against the action of Bothwell Lodge, No. 179, which suspended him for non-payment of dues, the Board have learned that the matter has been adjusted, and that Bro. Saywright is to be restored to full masonic privileges. It is therefore unnecessary for any further action to be taken in the matter.

6. The complaint of V. W. Bro. Thos. Rawlings against W. Bro. Malloch is the non-payment of money on a business transaction between the parties, and therefore is a charge of such a nature that it cannot be entertained.

7. R. W. Bro. Franek having applied for further time to answer the summons for his expulsion from the craft, and having pleaded not guilty to the charge upon which he has been suspended, it is recommended that the time for answering the charge be extended until the annual meeting of the Board.

H. MACPHERSON,  
Chairman R. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, seconded by R. W. Bro. G. Billington, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received.

R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson submitted the following special report on

#### GRAND SECRETARY'S SALARY.

The Board of General Purposes having taken into consideration the long and valuable services rendered the Craft and Grand Lodge by R. W. Bro. Harris, Grand Secretary, and in view of the great increase in the expense of living, and the greatly increased labors and responsibilities appertaining to his office, recommends that his salary be increased to the sum of sixteen hundred dollars per annum.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY MACPHERSON,  
C. B. G. P.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. James Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, and

RESOLVED,—That the special report of the Board on Grand Secretary's salary be received and adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master entered Grand Lodge and was received with the customary honors.

The Grand Secretary read letters of apology from R. W. Bro. T. White, Jun.'r, Deputy Grand Master,

regretting that business matters of great importance necessitated his immediate return to Montreal; also from R. W. Bro. the Rev. C. Forest, Grand Chaplain, and V. W. Bro. E. Racicot, Grand Senior Deacon, who were unavoidably prevented from attending this Annual Communication.

The M. W. Grand Master delivered his address to the brethren assembled, and which will be found printed in its usual place in the proceedings. (See page 39).

R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson submitted the amended report of the Board of General Purposes on

#### REPRINTING THE PROCEEDINGS.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report that in accordance with the resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge the Grand Secretary advertised for tenders for printing 1,000 copies of proceedings of Grand Lodge since its formation.

In answer to the advertisement nine (9) tenders were received, all of which were carefully examined, and that of Messrs. Lawson, McCulloch & Co. was found to be the lowest.

The Board begs to recommend that should 400 copies be ordered the tender of Messrs. Lawson, McCulloch & Co. be accepted, and that the proceedings be furnished to subscribers at a cost of not more than \$1.25 per volume, and that Grand Lodge subscribe for one hundred copies of said four hundred.

H. MACPHERSON,

Chairman B. of G. P.

Hamilton, 10th July, 1872.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. C. Barber, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Board on reprinting proceedings as amended be received.

R. W. Otto Klotz gave notice that on to-morrow he will move that the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) of the General Fund be transferred to the Benevolent Fund, the same being required to meet the applications for assistance at this Communication.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. Vincent Clementi, seconded by R. W. Bro. John V. Noel, and

RESOLVED,—That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to nominate a Committee for the purpose of drafting a respectful and fraternal congratulatory address to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, on his recovery from his recent severe attack of sickness.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following as said Committee: M. W. Bros. W. M. Wilson, A. A. Stevenson and W. B. Simpson, and R. W. Bros. Rev. V. Clementi, J. K. Kerr and J. V. Noel.

The Representatives from the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa; St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place (formerly under England), and the St. John's Lodge, No. 209a (formerly under Ireland), being present in Grand Lodge, for the first time since affiliating, were presented by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson to the M. W. Grand Master, who, in the name of Grand Lodge extended to them a courteous and cordial welcome and received them with grand honors.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet on to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

THURSDAY, 11th July, 1872.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 11 o'clock A. M.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, P. G. M., as Grand Master,  
On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

R. W. Bro. A. De Grassi gave notice that he will move that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at Clifton.

W. Bro. Robert Stark gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he will move that the regulation in appendix to the constitution beginning: "In all cases and under all circumstances the Lodge must be opened in the first degree, and in this degree all ordinary business of the Lodge to be transacted," be amended by omitting the words: "In this degree all the ordinary business of the Lodge is to be transacted," in that place, and inserting thereafter: "The Lodge is then opened in the third degree."

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. V. Clementi, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. De Grassi, and

RESOLVED,—That the annual report of the Board of General Purposes be adopted.

For annual report of the Board see page 94.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. John Erskine, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. McCabe, and

RESOLVED,—That the semi-annual report of the Board on audit and finance be adopted.

For semi-annual report of Board see page 99.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Board on reprinting the proceedings as amended be adopted.

R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson submitted the following report of the Board on the address of the M. W. Grand Master:

#### ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

In reviewing the very able address of the M. W. the G. M. the Board would unite with him in the expression of

the hope that the legislation of Grand Lodge during its present session may be productive of the greatest good to the craft in this jurisdiction.

The Board also concurs that the formation of twenty-one new lodges affords gratifying evidence of our continued prosperity, and are further gratified to learn that those new Lodges are composed of able and zealous Masons.

They also received with unmingled gratification the announcement of the affiliation of Dalhousie and St. John's Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, and of St. John's Lodge under the registry of Ireland, and that the Board concurs in the desire expressed by the M. W. the G. M. that under their new allegiance they may enjoy increased prosperity.

The number of public Masonic ceremonies that have taken place during the year give further evidence of the advance of the craft and the esteem of the general public.

The exceedingly appropriate and well-timed address of the M. W. the G. M. to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen on the happy recovery of His Royal Highness from his late dangerous illness, meets with the heartfelt approbation of this Grand Lodge.

The Board cordially sympathizes with the regrets expressed by the M. W. the G. M. at the failure of the attempts at a settlement of the Quebec difficulty, and are pained to find that the liberal concessions made by this Grand Lodge have been rejected by our dissenting brethren in Quebec.

The Board hears with unfeigned sorrow of the demise of the distinguished brethren referred to in the address of the M. W. the G. M., and suggest the propriety of a special resolution of regret with respect to the death of M. W. Bro. Stephens, and would recommend that memorial pages be inserted in the next annual report of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

The Board rejoices to hear of the continued prosperity of the new Lodges in the new Province of Manitoba.

In the opinion of the Board the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due to the Grand Master for his prompt action in sending relief to the distressed brethren of the city of Chicago, thus exemplifying the virtues of Masonic charity in a practical way, which cannot fail to be duly appreciated.

The Board cordially concurs in the recommendation of the M. W. the G. M. with respect to the M. W. P. G. M. Stevenson, and hopes that Grand Lodge will take the earliest opportunity of carrying out the recommendation contained in the address, and would suggest the propriety of the G. M. appointing a Committee for that purpose.

As there are two notices of motion respecting dual membership the Board trusts that the opinion of Grand Lodge will be obtained on this point during the session.

The Board fully concurs in the remarks of the G. M. that Lodges should guard well their portals.

The Board cannot close this report without expressing their great gratification at the improved health of the M. W. the G. M. from a recent severe illness, and although the G. M. does not appear to have fully recovered, yet it hopes and trusts that the G. A. O. T. U. will be pleased speedily to restore our esteemed G. M. to his wonted health and strength.

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. MACPHERSON,

Chairman B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Board on the address of the Grand Master be received and adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Board on grievances and appeals be adopted.

For report on grievances and appeals see page 108.

In accordance with notice given :

It was moved by V. W. Bro. James Bain, seconded by R. W. Bro. David McLellan, and

RESOLVED,—That the village of Yorkville, in the township of York, be masonically included in the jurisdiction of the city of Toronto.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication,

It was moved by V. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, seconded by V. W. Bro. W. S. Martin,

That a new clause, to be numbered nine (9), be added to the Book of Constitution, under the head of "Members and their duty," as follows :

"No brother shall be an ordinary member of more than one Lodge in the same district." *Lost.*

In amendment:

It was moved by W. Bro. J. Cascaden, seconded by W. Bro. D. G. Ruthven,

That dual membership be prohibited in cities, towns and villages in which there is concurrent jurisdiction. *Lost.*

In amendment to the amendment :

It was moved by W. Bro. N. Gordon Bigelow, seconded by V. W. Bro. J. Gibson,

That the word "hereafter" be inserted after the word "prohibited" in the amendment. *Lost.*

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken on the amendment to the amendment, as also on the amendment, and finally on the original resolution, it was declared in the negative.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

RESOLVED,—That the resolution passed at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, declaring that “no brother can be an ordinary member of more than one Lodge in the same city, town or village” be rescinded. (See page 666, p. p., 1871.)

W. Bro. P. Geraghty gives notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he will move that the expenses incurred by the District Deputy Grand Masters in visiting the different Lodges in their Districts be defrayed by Grand Lodge, and that such alterations in the constitution, as may be necessary to effect that end, may be made.

Notice of motion for the next Annual Communication :

That the Zeredatha Lodge, Uxbridge, be placed under the jurisdiction of the Toronto District.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, and

RESOLVED,—That the official announcement of the death of our distinguished and Most Worshipful Brother William C. Stephens, P.G.M., has been received with profound regret by this Grand Lodge. The valuable services rendered by Bro. Stephens at and after the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and his many amiable qualities, having endeared him to all with whom he came in contact.

The Grand Lodge takes the earliest opportunity to place on record the high sense it entertains of the important services conferred upon the craft by the late lamented Bro. Stephens, and to express the deep and heartfelt sympathy which its members feel, in common with the bereaved family of our deceased brother, in their great and severe affliction.

That to further mark the sorrow of this Grand Lodge at the great loss it has sustained, it be an instruction to the R. W. the Grand Secretary to prepare a memorial page, in which to record the name, rank, age, &c., of the lamented deceased; and likewise that the officers of this Grand Lodge wear mourning for the space of thirty days during which time the jewels and furniture are also to be draped in mourning.

R. W. Bro. J. B. Bickell, gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he would intro-

duce a motion to divide the District of Ontario as follows : The counties of Ontario and Victoria, and the west riding of the county of Durham to form the Ontario District ; the counties of Northumberland, Peterborough, and the East Riding of the county of Durham to form the East Ontario District.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

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The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 3.30 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, P. G. M., as Grand Master,  
On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The Grand Secretary read a letter from John I. Mackenzie, Esq., Vice-President, presenting to the Grand Lodge, for the use of its members during the session, a *free* book of messages of the Dominion Telegraph Company, which can be used and the messages to be sent gratis to all points where the Company has offices.

In accordance with notice given :

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. E. Brooke, and unanimously

RESOLVED,—That the sum of \$2,600 of the General Fund of Grand Lodge be transferred to the Benevolent Fund.

R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, on behalf of the Board, submitted the following supplementary report on

## WARRANTS.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report that it has had under consideration applications from the following Lodges applying for warrants, viz.:

Parthenon,	Chatham,	Ont.
Wellington,	Erin,	"
Olive Branch,	West Shefford,	Que.
Pontiac,	Onslow,	"
Harriston,	Harriston,	Ont.
Seymour,	Port Dalhousie,	"
New Hope,	Hespeler,	"
Thorne,	Holland Landing,	"
Lorne,	Glencoe,	"

And beg to recommend that Warrants be granted as prayed for.

Your Board has also had before it petitions for Warrants from the following, viz.:

Ancient Landmark,	Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Morrisburgh,	Morrisburg, Ontario.
L'Orignal,	L'Orignal, "

And regret that it cannot recommend Grand Lodge to grant Warrants as desired.

Your Board would also respectfully suggest that for the future all Lodges desiring Warrants do forward their minute book, etc., to the Grand Secretary at least one week before the meeting of Grand Lodge so that sufficient time may be afforded for their proper examination.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. MACPHERSON,

Chairman B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonnell, and

RESOLVED,—That the supplementary report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, on behalf of the Board, submitted the following report on

## BENEVOLENCE.

The Board had under consideration several applications for assistance, and, after due consideration, made the following appropriations, to be paid from the fund of Benevolence at the disposal of the Board, viz.:

No.	Applicant.	Through whom Payable.	Amount.
1	Toronto Board of Relief...	D.D.G.M. Toronto Dist.	\$150
2	Montreal " " "	" Montreal "	150
3	Hamilton " " "	" Hamilton "	100
4	Ottawa " " "	" Ottawa "	75
5	Kingston " " "	" St. Lawrence "	100
6	London " " "	" London "	75
7	Lodges at Winnipeg, M....	R. W. Bro. J. V. Noel....	50
8	Widow D.....	" E. Mitchell...	20
9	" W.....	" " ....	20
10	" C.....	" " ....	20
11	" G. S.....	" " ....	20
12	" Q.....	" " ....	25
13	Bro. J. D.....	" I. F. Toms.....	50
14	Clinton Lodge, No. 84, for } two widows and families }	W. M. Clinton Lodge, No. 84.....	50
15	Widow J.....	M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson	75
16	" B.....	R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller..	20
17	" W. H.....	M. W. Sharon L., No. 97.	30
18	" R.....	Grand Secretary.....	100
19	" C.....	V. W. Bro. J. Bain.....	20
20	Bro. W. B.....	W. M. Sussex L., No. 5	20
21	Stirling Lodge, No. 69, } for a widow..... }	" Stirling L., No. 69	20
22	Widow F. K. by Great } Western Lodge, No. 47. }	" Great Western L., No. 47.....	50
23	Widow C. B.....	" Plattsville L., No. 178	20
24	" P. G.....	" Lebanon L., No. 137	40
25	Bro. O. I.....	" N. Dom'n L., No. 205	40
27	" N. O'C.....	" Belleville L., No. 123	25
28	Widow R. G.....	" J. B. Hall L., No. 145	50
29	Bro. J. T.....	" Corinthian L., No. 101	25

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No.	Applicant.	Through whom Payable.	Amount.
30	Bro. J. C. ... W. M. Amity Lodge, No. 32		\$20
31	Mrs. H. ... R. W. Bro. A. McLean		65
32	Bro. G. S. ... W. M. Union Lodge, No. 19		20
33	Mrs. J. ... R. W. Bro. Isaac F. Toms		50
34	Mrs. D. ... W. M. Durham Lodge, No. 66		25
35	Mrs. J. ...		25
36	Bro. M. ... R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown		25
37	Mrs. A. ...		25
38	Mrs. F. ...		50
39	Bro. T. ... W. M. Brant Lodge, No. 45		50
40	Mrs. G. ... True Briton's, No. 14		40
41	Mrs. M. ... Madawaska Lge, No. 196		40
42	Mrs. W. ... R. W. Bro. Henry Robertson		20
43	Mrs. M. ... W. M. St. Francis Lodge, No. 24		40
44	Mrs. G. ...		25
45	Mrs. S. ...		30
46	Mrs. W. ... W. M. Composite Lodge, No. 30		20
47	Mrs. G. ...		20
48	Mrs. C. ...		20
49	Mrs. D. ... R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens		20
50	Mrs. O. ...		40
51	Bro. B. ... R. W. Bro. J. J. Menet		20
52	Bro. B. ...		20
53	Bro. M. ...		20
54	Mrs. P. ... R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry		30
55	Mrs. H. ...		30
56	Mrs. H. ... R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown		25
57	Mrs. W. ... W. M. Hope Lodge, No. 114		40
58	Mrs. C. ... Speed Lodge, No. 180		20
59	Orphans of the late		
60	Bro. S. ...		25
61	Bro. M. ... St. Thomas' Lodge, No. 44		50
62	Bro. K. ...		25
63	Mrs. W. ...		25
64	Bro. S. ... Beaver Lodge, No. 83		30
65	Bro. C. ... R. W. Bro. Allan McLean		30
66	Bro. C. ... J. B. Bickell, G. R.		25
66	Mrs. S. ... W. M. Mt. Zion Lodge, No. 39		30

No.	Applicant.	Through whom payable.	Amount.
67	Mrs. T.....	W.M. Niagara Lodge, No. 2..	\$25
68	Bro. C.....	" Niagara Lodge, No. 2.	50
69	Bro. C.....	" United Lodge, No. 29..	40
70	Bro. M. ....	" " " "	40
71	Mrs. O.....	R.W. Bro. J.K. Kerr, D.D.G.M.	50
72	Mrs. S.....	" H. D. Pickell,.....	20
73	Bro. C.....	" " " "	20
74	Mrs. G.....	" " " "	30
75	Mrs. C.....	M. W. Bro. A. Bernard,.....	25
76	Mrs. S.....	" " " "	25
77	St. John's L., No. 82.	W.M. St. John's Lodge, No. 82	75
78	Mrs. A.....	" Wilson Lodge, No. 113	30
79	Mrs. L.....	" Amity Lodge, No. 32....	20
80	Mrs. McD.....	M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson....	50
81	Mrs. K.....	W. M. True Briton's L., No. 14	30
82	Miss P.....	M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson....	25
83	Bro. F.....	W. M. Maple Leaf L., No. 119	25
84	Mrs. T.....	R. W. Bro. F. Westlake.....	25
85	Mrs. G.....	" " " "	25
86	Mrs. McL.....	" " " "	25
87	Mrs. C.....	" " " "	25
88	Bro. M.....	W.M. St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94	30
89	Bro. G.....	W.M. Albion Lodge, No. 80..	50
90	Orphans of the late		
	Bro. T.....	" " " "	25
91	Mrs. B.....	" " " "	25
92	Mrs. J.....	" Union Lodge, No. 9....	20
93	Bro. W.....	" Union Lodge, No. 118..	30
94	Mrs. C.....	" Central Lodge, No. 110.	25
95	Miss S.....	" Prince of Wales, No. 146	50
96	Mrs. H.....	" Norfolk Lodge, No. 10..	25
97	Mrs. McD..	" St. John Lodge, No. 209a	30
98	Bro. G.....	R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr.....	30
Total.....			\$3,575

The Board finds that from want of sufficient information regarding the nature of the claims for assistance, and a ready reference to previous grants, great inconvenience is

experienced in arriving at an intelligent decision on behalf of the numerous claimants for benevolence, several of whom are merely named, without any information regarding their circumstances, their relation to the craft, the aid given them by private lodges or otherwise, and even in some instances the names are given so vaguely, such as Bro. Smith, Bro. Wilson, or Bro. Hill, without any further information—that it is next to impossible to know who the party is that aid is solicited for.

The Board therefore recommends to Grand Lodge to order the compilation of an *Analytical Index* of all parties who have heretofore received aid from this Grand Lodge, and who hereafter may receive such aid; in which index be contained brief notes of each applicant's circumstances; his, her or their relation to the craft; whether brethren, widows, or orphans; the assistance given by private Lodges; the amount from time to time granted for relief by this Grand Lodge; and such other information as may be instrumental to enable the committee on Benevolence to arrive at an intelligent decision on behalf of the applicants, so that the fund of benevolence may be judiciously applied, and the committee be guarded against an unfair or improper appropriation, which, though unconsciously made, will or at least may nevertheless occur under the present system. And also that a circular be prepared for each Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, setting forth the several subjects upon which information is essential before any applicant for relief can reasonably expect compliance with such application.

Respectfully submitted.

H. MACPHERSON,  
Chairman B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following report on

## CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

The Board has learned with much pleasure that the Lodges working under English and Scottish Warrants in our Sister Province of British Columbia, have united in forming themselves into an independent Grand Lodge for that Province, and they recommend that Grand Lodge do forthwith extend to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia a cordial and fraternal recognition.

With reference to the circular received from the Grand Lodge of Utah, which appears to have been formed by only three Subordinate Lodges, the Board recommends that in the absence of information as to the circumstances attending its erection into an independent Grand Lodge, and as to whether these Lodges compose the whole or a majority of the Lodges in that Territory, Grand Lodge for the present defer taking any action in the matter.

The Board after having carefully considered the application of St. Thomas' Lodge No. 44, and the facts adduced by the W. M. in reference thereto, recommend that the suspension of brother M. P. Whipple a former member of that Lodge be removed and he be restored to good standing.

With regard to the complaint preferred by Hawkesbury Lodge No. 210, against St. John's, Lodge No. 159, I. R. and the correspondence and other documents submitted in connection therewith, the Board, in view of the fact that the M. W. Grand Master has communicated with the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, on the subject deem it inadvisable to take further action in the matter until a reply to that communication has been received.

The Board regrets to learn from the circular issued by the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey, that the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has instituted a Lodge within the jurisdiction of the former without its consent or concurrence.

The Board is of opinion that the action of the Grand Lodge

of Hamburg is an illegal and unmasonic intrusion into and upon the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and they feel assured that this Grand Lodge will unite with other Grand Lodges in any proper measures for the purposes of resisting such invasion and preventing any such action in the future.

With reference to the circular received from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, the Board deem it unnecessary to refer the resolution adopted by that Grand Lodge in the matter of the Quebec difficulty any further than to express their regret that they should in common with some other Grand Lodges, have taken such action on what the Board cannot but regard as insufficient and imperfect information.

While concurring with that Grand Lodge in the opinion that the establishment by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg and the Grand Orient of France, of subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of other independent Grand Lodges is both illegal and unmasonic, and should be resisted by all proper means, the Board cannot but protest most earnestly against the assumption that there is any "*American*" as distinguished from "*Masonic*" doctrine, which can be at all binding on this or any other independent Grand Lodge and the attempt on the part of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana to coerce foreign Grand Lodges into a recognition of such "*American doctrines*" under the threat of an interruption of friendly relations and a breaking up of Masonic intercourse with such foreign Grand Lodges is in the opinion of this Board a most unwarranted interference with the action of independent Grand Lodges, and one which they feel assured will be disapproved of even by their sister Grand Lodges in the United States.

The Board is of opinion with reference to certain questions submitted regarding honorary members that the election of a Brother as an honorary member, expressed at the time of election to be "*with full privileges of ordinary members*," confers all the rights and privileges of ordinary membership.

including the right of voting, and that an honorary member so elected is not required to pay dues if afterwards elected to office.

All which is respectfully submitted,

H. MACPHERSON,

Chairman B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, seconded by R. W. Bro. John E. Brooke, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Board on Constitution and Regulations be received.

The W. M. Grand Master was pleased to appoint R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, W. Bro. J. G. A. Le Blanc and W. Bro. Wm. Kollmyer, to be Scrutineers of the ballot for Grand Officers and for members of the Board of General Purposes.

The ballots having been circulated, the election of officers was proceeded with, and the following named brethren were declared duly elected, viz.:

M. W. Bro. Wm. M. Wilson, Simcoe, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jr., Montreal, re-elected Deputy Grand Master.

V. " " James Bain, Toronto, Grand Senior Warden.

" " Horace Merrill, Ottawa, Grand Junior Warden.

During the time occupied by the Scrutineers in counting the ballots other business of Grand Lodge was taken up.

#### THE QUEBEC DIFFICULTY.

W. Bro. Rev. E. M. Myers introduced and moved the following resolution, which was seconded by R. W. Bro. J. B. Bickell,

That the present existing differences regarding Masonic jurisdiction in this Province are highly detrimental to the interests of the craft, and unbecoming a body professing its

principles, and an institution second in importance to none in the world. That a continuance of these differences must ultimately become very injurious and discreditable to the reputation of the order, and that it is the bounden duty of every true and sincere Mason to exert all the influence in his power to induce a pacific solution and adjustment of them. That to this end a Committee be appointed from this Grand Lodge, to consist of M. W. Past Masters Bros. Wilson and Simpson and R. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jun'r., D. G. M., to confer with a similar committee from the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, and that the committee so formed shall select an umpire, and the said committee be invested with full powers and are hereby authorized to settle and adjust, as may seem to them best for the interest of the craft, all differences and matters of dispute which now unhappily exist; and it is the earnest prayer of this Grand Lodge that the G. A. O. T. U. may instil into the said committee wisdom and forbearance in the discharge of its sacred and important duty, and that its efforts may be crowned with success.

After a short discussion, R. W. Bro. Bickell withdrew his name as seconder of the resolution, when it was seconded by W. Bro. Norris, of Tilsonburg. One or two brethren subsequently addressed the Grand Lodge, and then W. Bro. the Rev. E. M. Myers withdrew his name as the mover, followed by W. Bro. Norris, as seconder of the resolution, and the discussion ended.

In accordance with notice given the following places were put in nomination for the holding of the next Annual Communication, viz.:

By R. W. Bro. A. G. Macdonell, the city of Toronto. *Lost.*

By " " " Geo. Billington, " " " London. *Lost.*

By V. " " Chauncey Bennett, " " Montreal.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken severally for the places put in nomination, it was found that the

city of Montreal had secured a large majority of votes, and was declared to be the place for holding the next Annual Communication.

R. W. Bro. John Urquhart, Jun'r, gave notice that at the next Annual Communication he will move that the Annual Communications of Grand Lodge be held alternately in the cities of Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal.

R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson gave notice that at the next Annual Communication he will move that article 1 of Deputy Grand Master, Book of Constitution, which requires that the Deputy Grand Master shall not be elected from that portion of the Province in which the Grand Master resides, be amended by striking out the following words: "and in order that both sections of the Province may enjoy a proper representation he shall not be elected from that portion of the Province in which the Grand Master resides."

R. W. Bro. Isaac F. Toms gave notice that at the next Annual Communication he will move that the county of Perth be taken from the Huron District and added to the Wellington District, or that a new Masonic District be formed out of the Huron District, as the same, from its great extent, involves more duties than a D. D. G. M. can properly attend to.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. B. Bickell, seconded by R. W. Bro. John E. Brooke, and unanimously

RESOLVED,—That the cordial thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered, through the Vice-President, to the Dominion Telegraph Company, for their liberality in placing the use of their line, free of charge, to the members of Grand Lodge during the present session.

W. Bro. John Cascaden gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he will move to amend the Constitution so that dual membership be

prohibited in villages, towns and cities in which there is concurrent jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to meet at 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 8.30 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. James Seymour, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The election of Grand Officers was proceeded with, and the following brethren were declared duly elected :

	W. Bro. Rev. E. Lounsbury, London,	Grand Chaplain.
R. "	" Henry Groff, Simcoe, re-elected,	" Treasurer.
V. "	" Chauncey Bennett, Port Rowan,	" Registrar.
R. "	" Thos. B. Harris, Hamilton, re-elected,	" Secretary.
	By an open vote of Grand Lodge,	
	Bro. Robt. Colquhoun, Montreal,	" Tyler.

The following Brethren were nominated by the Representatives of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective Districts and approved by the M. W. Grand Master, viz :

	W. Bro. James Gowans, Sarnia,	St. Clair	District.
R. "	" Francis Westlake, London,	London	"
	" H. McK. Wilson, Brantford,	Wilson	"
	" Jno. E. Harding, St. Mary's,	Huron	"
	" T. M. Anderson, Ayr,	Wellington	"
	" E. Mitchell, Hamilton,	Hamilton	"
V. "	" Robert Kemp, Beamsville,	Niagara	"
R. "	" Henry Robertson, Collingwood,	Toronto	"
	" J. B. Traves, Port Hope,	Ontario	"
	" F. Richardson, Napanee,	Prince Edward	"

V. W. Bro.	James Reynolds, Prescott,	St. Lawrence District.
R. " "	E. C. Barber, Ottawa,	Ottawa "
V. " "	Wm. McKenzie, Montreal,	Montreal "
" "	Geo. H. Allen, Shefford,	Bedford "
R. " "	Jno. V. Noel,	Province of Manitoba.

V. W. Bro. Charles Sharpe gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he will move that clause 1 in the Book of Constitution, "of District Deputy Grand Masters," be amended by adding the following words thereto: "But no brother can be elected a District Deputy Grand Master while holding the office of Worshipful Master of a subordinate Lodge. Nor can a brother be elected to the office of Worshipful Master of a subordinate Lodge while holding the office of District Deputy Grand Master."

The Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of the report of the Board on Constitution and Regulations. (See pages 124, 125).

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Board on Constitution and Regulations be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by V. W. Bro. James Bain, and

RESOLVED,—That an Analytical Index of all parties who have received aid from the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge be prepared by the Grand Secretary for the use of the Board of General Purposes, in conformity with the recommendation of the Board in their report on Benevolence.

R. W. Bro. E. Mitchell, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was, on the motion of R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. B. Bickell, received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings of Grand Lodge ;

## Foreign Correspondence.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada.

For the fourth time it is our privilege to present to you our report on Foreign Correspondence.

We have received from the Grand Secretary the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Lodges, hereinafter named, for the years respectively attached to each.

1 Alabama.....1871	18 Maine.....1872
2 Arkansas..... "	19 Nebraska.....1871
3 British Columbia... "	20 Nevada..... "
4 California..... "	21 New Brunswick..... "
5 Colorado..... "	22 New Jersey .....1872
6 District of Columbia "	23 North Carolina.....1871
7 Delaware..... "	24 Nova Scotia..... "
8 Florida.....1872	25 Pennsylvania..... "
9 Georgia.....1871	26 Rhode Island..... "
10 Idaho..... "	27 Tennessee ..... "
11 Illinois..... "	28 Texas ..... "
12 Kansas..... "	29 Utah.....1872
13 Louisiana.....1872	30 Virginia .....1871
14 Maryland.....1871	31 Vermont..... "
15 Michigan.....1872	32 Washington Territ'y "
16 Mississippi..... "	33 Wisconsin.....:..... "
17 Missouri .....1871	

The following Grand Lodges we have not heard from : Connecticut, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Montana, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Oregon, South Carolina and West Virginia.

We see these, or most of them, less or more noticed in some of the volumes received, but we do not think we have any right to take information at second hand, and if they fail to send us their proceedings they have no right to complain of our silence in regard to them.

We have heard nothing from Connecticut, Kentucky and New York since 1868, nor from West Virginia since 1869. How long Grand Lodge should persist in sending *unanswered letters* is for her to judge, not for us. From British Columbia we have the proceedings of a Convention to form a Grand Lodge, and of the first Grand Communication held in the city of Victoria on the 26th and 27th of December last. There were five Lodges under Grand Lodge of England and four under Grand Lodge of Scotland, who have (with the exception of one of the English Lodges) cordially united to form the Grand Lodge, and which was heartily co-operated in by the Provincial and District Deputy Grand Masters. We have also the proceedings of the formation of a Grand Lodge of Utah, held at Salt Lake City on 16th January last, and four following days.

These two new Grand Lodges have been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Maine, the only Grand Lodge whose proceedings are in our hands, to whom a claim appears to have been made.

With these preliminary remarks, we proceed to lay our work before you, commencing with

#### ALABAMA.

The fifty-first Annual Communication commenced at the city of Montgomery, Dec. 4, 1871. Session four days. R. W. Bro. Joseph H. Johnson, D. G. M., presiding, and R. W. Bro. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary. Present 9. Grand officers, P. G. officers, and representatives from 218 Lodges.

We extract the following from the Grand Master's address:

"Assembled again, in the providence of God, in Grand Annual Communication, we cast our eyes toward the East but to find the light extinguished, and the seat of our Grand Master occupied by another. Summoned by an inscrutable decree of the GREAT I AM, he obeyed, and we are left in darkness.

"How we shall miss his commanding presence, his words of wisdom, his skilful guiding hand in our deliberations!

"Eulogy would be out of place here, where he was so well known and so much beloved. That we loved him, and delighted to honor him, we have manifested in the strongest manner possible for us to do.

"Grand Master William P. Chilton was first elected to presided over this body in 1869, was re-elected in 1870, and died on the 20th day of January, 1871."

Twelve dispensations had been issued for new lodges, to all of whom charters were granted. Several other dispensations had been issued for other purposes.

The G. M. had visited some of the subordinate Lodges and attended to several other matters of a local character. He says:

"In answer to two questions prepounded to me as the Grand Master of Alabama, by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, to wit:

1st. "After a candidate has been duly elected to receive the degrees, can he be *estopped* by the objection of a member of the lodge, made either in open lodge or privately, to the Worshipful Master, no reason being given by the objecting member?" I replied, No.

2d. "Has a subordinate Lodge the right to prefer charges and try a member who is also a member of the Grand Lodge; or has the Grand Lodge exclusive original jurisdiction?" I replied that, in Alabama, a subordinate Lodge has the right to try any member except its Master; and quoted Sec. 25, Art. VI. of the constitution of the Grand Lodge."

In the second of these of course the G. M. could not help himself if the constitution has it so, but we do not see how a Lodge could manage to try the G. M., neither do we think it would be proper, since they cannot try their own masters.

A synopsis of decisions is given—twenty-nine in all. Such of them as are not in accordance with the almost

universal rules, seem to be in accordance with their own constitution.

On the subject of dimits the G. M. says :

"Of course there is no masonic duty more implicitly laid down in the Ancient Constitutions, than that which requires every Mason to be a member of some Lodge; but I cannot deny to any man the right of withdrawing, whenever he pleases, from a voluntary association. The laws of the land would not sustain the masonic authorities in the enforcement of such a regulation, and our own self-respect, if there were no other motive, should prevent us from attempting it.

"Freemasonry is, in all respects, a voluntary association, and as no one is expected or permitted to enter its folds unless it be 'of his own free will and accord,' so no one should continue in it except by the exercise of the same voluntary disposition."

"There is no law in the Ancient Constitutions, or in the old Regulations, which forbids the granting of dimits to individual Masons, yet the whole spirit of the institution is against such a system. The holding of membership in a Lodge is an absolute duty, *but one which cannot be enforced*. If a Mason violates it all that can be done is to visit him with the penalties which fall upon the unaffiliated Mason. I quote from Mackey's Jurisprudence."

He says in conclusion :

"The correspondence of the office has not been very heavy, though a great many questions have been asked that might have found a ready and concise answer in the code. So far as I am able to judge, the order is in a flourishing condition in Alabama, and is a *great power* in the hands of *good men and true*, and used by them in doing much good.

I feel under lasting obligation to my brethren, the Past Grand Masters of the jurisdiction, and my brother, the R.W. Grand Secretary, for their courteous and brotherly regard shown to me on all occasions.

In conclusion, I invoke the blessing of God upon the Grand Lodge and the fraternity everywhere throughout the word."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. R. F. Knott; extends to 96 pages (small type, and would make

double that number in ours), and takes in forty-four Grand Lodges. The review is methodically arranged, and contains much that is valuable. Large extracts are made on subjects that are in accordance with his own opinion, but when otherwise, they meet with little attention. Now we concede to every brother the right of forming his opinion and holding to it, so long as he does it conscientiously, but if it be true that one, if not the primary, object of these reviews is to give the brethren of our respective jurisdictions a synopsis of the sayings and doings of other jurisdictions. Concealing the opinions of other bodies on important subjects is taking an undue advantage of our position. We do not make this remark with regard to our own Grand Lodge merely, although Canada for 1870 is on the roll, and is disposed of in one short sentence: that, "W. Grand Master Stevenson's address is brief and devoted strictly to a statement of official acts and business, chiefly of local interest." He gives prominence to our remarks on the subject of limits in our notice of Alabama for 1869. We thank you, brother, and feel happy that you agree with us; but, should you ever quote from us again, be more careful: Our name is "Edward," not "Edmond"; we said "it compels a man to continue a member of a society of which he *conscientiously* disapproves," you have said "of which he *consequently* disapproves."

Total receipts, including balance of \$1,201.77 from last year, \$7,299.27; Disbursements, \$6,062.32; Balance on hand, \$1,236.95; Lodges, 384; Members reported at Grand Communication, 10,772.

M. W. Bro. Joseph H. Johnson elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Daniel Sayre, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### ARKANSAS.

The thirty-third Annual Communication, held at Little Rock, Nov. 6th, 1871, and three following days. M.W. Bro. Samuel D. Williams, G. M., and R. W. Bro. L. E. Barber, Grand Secretary. 129 Lodges represented.

The first seven pages of Grand Master's address is a sound lecture on Ethics, strongly contrasting what Masons ought to be with what they sometimes are. He says: "The moral stamina of a Lodge of Masons is the aggregate of the morality of its members; and I can generally judge accurately of the moral sense of a Lodge by the character of its officers. If they are immoral men, you may generally conclude with reasonable certainty that either moral men in that Lodge are few, or they are drones who never attend Lodge meetings." Then follows eleven pages containing his acts and decisions during the year, but chiefly interesting to his own jurisdiction. Dispensations had been granted for 18 new Lodges. He refers feelingly to the death of R. W. Bro. Hamilton Reynolds, P. S. G. W., who died in August last. He gives a flattering account of St. John's College, and anticipates the endowment of it in a few years, so that the sons of every Mason in the State can be educated free of charge. The D. D. G. Masters report favorably in most cases, but there are some lamentable exceptions. In one Lodge politics have got in, and run so high that some of the best men in the county have been excluded, the Republican party keeping out the protegee of the Democrats, and *vice versa*. From this long address (about 30 pages) we quote a few sentences from its conclusion: "I will conclude by urging upon you the propriety of avoiding, as far as practicable, too much legislation. This is an age of over-much legislation everywhere, and we often try to remedy, by edicts and regulations which are little read and understood, evils which are easier cured by adhering to old landmarks, and understanding and better obeying the edicts we have. \* \* At the close of this Communication we part to go as we came. Let life with us be long or short, it is certain we shall never all meet again this side of eternity. \* \* And if we possess the happy consciousness of a well-spent life, of being actuated by true and noble impulses, and of doing all the good and as little evil as possible, it matters not to us whether our span be long or short."

The Grand Lodge was (at the City Hall, at the installation of officers) treated to an address by the Grand Orator, Bro. O. C. Gray, we would gladly copy it in *extenso*, but must content ourselves with one or two extracts as a specimen: "Masonry, to which we give the interests and energies of this occasion, is like 'Old Uncle Ned,' quite an ancient, and for aught *we* know, like him also, an African institution; but so are many other founts of civilization and learning, and those laugh ignorantly who liken our claims to antiquity to those of the youngster who declared he was present at the flood and waded through. We may claim many things for Masonry; but we reach too far when we claim for it the sanctity and saving power of *religion*. Masonry is not, never was, and never can be religion. It, however, may be granted the most excellent dignity of being the coadjutor, nay more, the very handmaiden of religion. But Masonry is not religion! its meaner birth-place was the brain of an Israelitish king, and all its aims, and labors, and successes, are confined to *earth*; while religion, taught us at our mother's knee, sprung from the brain of the eternal God. Masonry is alone for time, while religion is for eternity. All that we need or would dare to claim for Masonry (in addition to the arts and sciences it teaches), is that it is designed to smooth the rugged pathway of life; to make our journeyings easier; to teach morality and rectitude; to inculcate virtue, and to enjoin the integrity of committed trusts. But Masonry teaches more! It teaches that there is for every good man a working earnest *life*, a *grave* with its darkened solitude, a resurrection from the dead and a ceaseless eternity beyond. It teaches the struggling millions of earth that they have immortal souls; but *never* ventures to map out the method of their salvation. Masonry may timidly point the weary sojourner to the city of the Great King, but can never furnish the password by which the mystic veils are parted, and an entrance gained to the Holy of Holies. But while we may not and should not claim that our noble institution is religion, yet we may proudly and justly claim that it does

lead our feet nearer the 'narrow path,' where we may the more *easily* be clothed upon by the 'robe of righteousness;' and claiming *this*, let us claim no *more*! We know only too well there are dangers threatening us, but these dangers are to be looked for among *ourselves*. Let us look there for the *cowans*, and a very limited and superficial search will discover that many amongst us, although flauntingly displaying our jewels and regalia, still are no more rooted and grounded in the true principles of Masonry than is the moss into the face of the rocky cliff. And these are called *Masons*, who never have felt, and though they may live a thousand years, never will or can feel, one single throb of generous and genuine benevolence. What do *they* care about the glory of the Order, or rejoice at the blessings it has brought to mankind! If one tells them of the magnificence of the first and of all temples, the holiness of the 'ark,' the glory of gems and gold, the fragrance of incense and costly woods, the blue and the purple and the scarlet, they will feel no more interest in the truths unfolded than they do in the return of the wandering Pleiad. They are both blind and dumb, and in truth they are without either of the five senses, whether considered mentally, physically or morally; and yet they are *Masons*, and we *as Masons* are held justly responsible for their meanness, their cursing and swearing, their foul language and contemptible drunkenness, their miserly, scrimped and dwarfed souls, their evil speaking and slanders, their deceitfulness and dishonesty, and for other principles that would disgrace a wild Comanche, much less a civilized white man; and withal a *Mason*. What! *we* held responsible for all this? Yes, and we ought to be held responsible; and why? Because we admit those amongst us, and bid them practice *charity*, who are *notoriously* miserly in providing for their families, and in all their dealings with men; we admit the morose and quarrelsome, and expect of them good will and fraternity; we let in malicious slanderers and boast of our added strength; we reach out our hands to those whom we know to be grinding the face of the poor without mercy, and ask them to admit that these poor over

whom they tyrannize are in the 'lodge-room' their superiors; we open our doors to deceitfulness and dishonesty, and trust the operation will *change* them to the beautiful forms of sincerity and integrity. My brethren, we alone are responsible for the faults of our institution, and for their existence we alone should be censured. We should be censured for permitting our boundaries to be broader, till the distance hides the *limp* and imperfect knock with which a neophyte approaches the gates of our temple."

The report on foreign correspondence is by Bro. B. S. Johnson. Thirty-eight Grand Lodges are reviewed, Canada for 1870 included. He finds fault with us for lunging at his predecessor, Bro. O. C. Gray, for his remarks on Canada's report for 1869, and says: "We do not offer ourselves as apologists for Bro. Gray, either in his private capacity or as past chairman of committee on F. C.; nor do we know what basis there was for Bro. Gray's criticism that the matters introduced were frivolous; but we must be permitted to say that this thing of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries and committees on foreign correspondence loading and cumbering their addresses and reports with every little thing that happens during the sitting of the Grand Lodge, or during the current year, is—to draw it very mildly—a nuisance." Now we quite agree with our brother on the above (and what he further says on the subject) as a general principle; but we may say that Grand Master Wilson's remarks were only expressing the sentiments of the whole craft in the jurisdiction, and earnestly do we hope that our G. M. may never have such *frivolous things* to bring before Grand Lodge again as the shooting of the Duke of Edinburgh and the murder of D'Arcy McGee. The review is well written, and the selections tastefully and judiciously made; extends to 96 pages.

Assets, \$6,518.30; disbursements, \$3,065.82; given St. John's College, \$3,442.38. Chartered Lodges, 252; Lodges U.D. 34; initiated, 936; members, 9,831.

M. W. Bro. Samuel W. Williams, G. M., and R. W. Bro. L. E. Barber, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

We have before us a neat pamphlet of about 100 pages, containing proceedings of a convention to organize a Grand Lodge, and the first Grand Communication held on the 26th and 27th December, 1871, with an appendix containing the Constitution, General Regulations, and list of Lodges holding of said Grand Lodge. It appears that the Convention was held under the auspices of R. W. Bro. J. W. Powell, Provincial G. M. for Scotland, and R. W. Bro. Robert Burnaby, D. G. M. for England, that there were in the Province nine Lodges—four holding of Scotland and five of England, and that eight of said Lodges (one under England declining as yet to come in) unanimously agreed to form an Independent Grand Lodge, and proceeded by regular steps to constitute said Lodge. On motion of R. W. Bro. Burnaby, seconded by R. W. Bro. Dr. Powell, the Constitution of Grand Lodge of England was adopted for the present in as far as applicable to existing circumstances, excepting that the following officers shall be elected by Grand Lodge, viz: G. M., D. G. M., G. Wardens, G. Chaplains, G. Treasurer, and G. Tyler, the remaining officers to be appointed by G. M. A motion to elect G. Secretary was lost; Prov. G. M. J. W. Powell was elected M. W. G. M., and D. G. M. Bro. R. Burnaby was constituted a permanent member of Grand Lodge, with the title, rank and dignity of a P. G. M. At the Grand Communication, the G. officers elected and appointed were installed by P. G. M. Burnaby with the usual solemnities, the whole proceedings, both of the Convention and Grand Communication, were conducted most harmoniously, and all misunderstandings or unfraternal feelings that may have heretofore existed in the Province have been completely healed by the wise counsel and cordial co-operation of the Provincial and District G. M.'s, both of whom delivered suitable addresses at the Annual Communication. Under the caption of "The Ritual," the G. M., in his address, says: "This is one of the most significant questions with which we shall have to deal, and demands the most temperate

"and careful consideration. The adoption of uniformity in  
 "Ritual all will concede to be most desirable, especially in  
 "view of the erection of new Lodges in the Jurisdiction.  
 "On the other hand, all must recollect that our G. L. is  
 "formed by the union of the English and Scottish crafts in  
 "the Province, each of whom are wedded and partial to  
 "their own particular work. Hence, under any and all  
 "circumstances, Lodges taking part in the formation of this  
 "G. L. should have full permission to continue the work  
 "they now practice, so long as they desire so to do. But  
 "I would even go further, and for the present at least, pay  
 "another tribute to the moderation and desire for harmony  
 "which have characterized our proceedings, and allow any  
 "Lodge which hereafter may be formed, to choose and adopt  
 "either Ritual at present practiced in the Province."

Eight Lodges, members 295, suspended for unmasonic  
 conduct, 1; Expelled, 3; Reinstated, 1.

M. W. Bro. Israel Wood Powell elected G. M., and V. W.  
 Bro. H. F. Hoisterman, appointed Grand Secretary.

#### CALIFORNIA.

The twenty-second Annual Communication was held  
 Oct. 10th, 1871, and four following days. Nineteen Grand  
 officers, nine P. G. officers, representatives from 173  
 chartered Lodges, 10 U. D., and a large number of Past  
 Masters entitled to seats in Grand Lodge; M. W. Bro.  
 Leonidas E. Pratt, G. M., and R. W. Bro. A. G. Abell,  
 G. S.

The Grand Master's address is so replete with what is  
 good and honest and true, and plants so many beacon lights  
 on the rocks and sands where thousands of our brethren  
 make shipwreck of faith and a good conscience, that we  
 fear to begin extracts lest we should far exceed our limits  
 before we reach a close. In his introductory remarks he  
 refers to the vicissitudes of fortune as the inseparable  
 elements of human life; warns against vain regrets or

repining at apparent hardships, but rather enjoins thankfulness that fortune has not been still less kind; that he does not propose to mock the intelligence of his audience, nor his own sense of truth and propriety by the assertion of abundant harvests and ample rewards for honest industry. "What causes other than natural ones; what mistaken notions of statesmanship and political economy; what false theories of government, of commercial intercourse, of taxation, of private right and public policy have contributed to bring upon our noble State, so boundless in resources, and so blessed with all the elements of material greatness, this general paralysis under which we are to-day staggering, are questions fit only to be considered in another forum. I do not wish to enter upon a discussion which, however rationally conducted, might seem to partake of a political and partizan character, with which Masonry could have no possible part or lot, but with those other questions so interwoven with these; with the corrupt and evil influences and motives which have induced these mistaken theories of government, of public policy and political economy, Masonry has everything to do; and I do not propose to be frightened from a calm and dispassionate criticism of public affairs nor from pointing out to you the public duties of Masons in a period of general moral infection, by the mistaken cry that I should thereby encroach upon the arena of politics. Masonry owes an allegiance to the state, to its government and to society at large; and masons have public as well as private duties to perform. A moral leprosy seems to steal periodically upon nations and communities. There are seasons when the whole social fabric and body politic are eaten and gangrened with corruption—when high official position is prostituted with open and shameless effrontery—when licentiousness unblushing walks the highways unrebuked at noontide—when honesty in public and private life ceases to be regarded as a virtue, and betrayals of trust become so common that man no longer give them a passing consideration, but regard them rather as to be expected and legitimate events of the day; public servants

are bought and sold and the betrayed cease to cry out against it. Miserable theories of free love and domestic infidelity are openly practiced and the actors in the wretched drama are welcomed and courted with all the blandishments of the best society. Public revenues are misappropriated by the custodians thereof, and the courts of the land refuse to punish the criminals, the worst of vices are fostered and encouraged by those who should be the zealous guardians of public morals, and examples destructive of all correct principles are furnished by those whose social and official position give them a fearful influence for evil. Gambling has been galvanized into respectability by official patronage and we have witnessed the distressing spectacle of the State herself inviting her own citizens to perdition by casting around that worst, because most insinuating of vices the glamour of legislative and judicial protection; through all your borders the evil contagion of that one pernicious example has swept like a devouring flame, until lotteries, raffles and the whole shameless brood of chance entertainments have stifled the moral sentiments of the people and stimulates that restless feverish passion for sudden wealth, which is the destroyer of all patient application and solid prosperity. To what depth society has descended—how far gambling has been made respectable by this public endorsement and the tolerance of communities, Masons will readily comprehend when they are informed that a masonic Lodge even, has asked the advice of the G. M. as to the propriety of discharging its liabilities through the medium of a gift concert. I need not repeat to you the answer made to this application, for the spirit of masonry would permit but one; but the mere fact that advice on such a subject should have been sought from such a source is painfully suggestive of moral and social depression.

Freemasonry has a public mission to perform. Never has there been presented so grand an opportunity for the display of your power, and never has the exercise of that power been more needed than at present. You should be the conservators of public

as well as private morals—of political integrity as well as personal fidelity. Let every mason be mindful of his individual responsibilities and true to the divine teachings of the ancient Craft, wage eternal war on vice and wrong whenever found and in whatever guise they present themselves, scattered far and wide every denizen of the State is within the personal influence of some one of you; let that influence be ever wielded for the right, and by this unity of purpose and of action you will present a nucleus around which the moral power of communities may be gathered and consolidated to arrest the epidemic which threatens to overwhelm and destroy us.

With the newfangled dogmas of loose morality, masonry must have no intercourse or sympathy, but in the midst of these growing evils—this threatening triumph of vice and immorality—it should stand like the beacon light on some tall cliff or jutting headland unshaken and unscathed in the midst of—yet above and beyond—the war of elements—whose golden sheen shall catch the first glance of the imperiled wanderer, to light him in peace and safety home. But the lessons of morality must be taught, and this influence of society must be wielded if at all, by your example rather than by your precepts, by acts, not words—deeds, not promises to do; you must yourselves obey the moral law in every particular, and be scrupulously observant of all your obligations.

The masonic relation does not require or permit you to shield a brother in the practice of any vice or wrong and the temples where justice is proclaimed as a cardinal virtue must never be converted into asylums for criminals."

Then follows a long list of cases in which the G. M. had firmly upheld the foregoing principles, and he believes they have had beneficial effect. He insists on Grand Lodge settling definitely the matters he had submitted last year which had lain over, he says: "At your last Communication I presented somewhat in detail the *Status* and pretensions of the Grand

Lodge of Quebec, I reached the conclusion that it was a case of rebellion, simple and unqualified, and declared myself decidedly against recognition.

My views upon the merits of the controversy have not changed in any particular. Since then, however, a large proportion of our sister Grand Lodges which have acted upon the matter at all, have recognized that body, and others have simply taken further time to consider the matter, the current seems to have set rather strongly in favor of recognition, and there is now little doubt the most of the Grand Lodges on the continent will soon be in fraternal intercourse with the new Grand Lodge, how far our own action ought now to be influenced by these facts you can judge as well as I. On the one hand I still cry out in all earnestness against any sympathy with, or encouragement of what seems to me simple insubordination, nor should we approve a wrong, if wrong it be, simply because other Grand Lodges have set us the bad example. On the other hand, for us alone to place all masons who now hold allegiance to that body under the ban of non-intercourse would perhaps seem captious and impracticable, while it might unpleasantly complicate our masonic relations elsewhere. I can only commend the matter to your careful scrutiny and consideration, urging you however, to postpone the subject no longer, but do something at once and unmistakeable."

Nine dispensations were granted for new Lodges, and 11 for various purposes, several applications for dispensations to appear in *clothing* on July 4th were refused, affiliation fees were abolished. Five thousand dollars in coin was voted from the reserve fund in aid of the sufferers from the Chicago fire, and forthwith sent to the G. M. of Illinois, also, a subscription box was placed upon the altar and \$1,005.00 collected—likewise forwarded.

From the Committee on jurisprudence Bro. W. C. Belcher presented a majority report on the Quebec case concluding against recognition. A minority report was presented by Bro. Charles Marsh recommending recognition :

"Bro. Isaac S. Titus moved that the report of the minority of the committee be adopted, which motion did

not prevail; after considerable discussion, on motion of Bro. W. H. Hill it was ordered that the further consideration of the two reports and of all matters relating to the Grand Lodge of Quebec be postponed until the next Annual Communication."

The two reports are too long for us to give in *extenso*, suffice it to say that the majority report is a condensed statement of the real facts of the case given last year by California, Minnesota, Missouri, New Brunswick and Virginia, with which our readers are already conversant.

The minority report has a new feature in it; they say:

"It (Quebec) is a Grand Lodge *de facto*. Whether it is a Grand Lodge *de jure* is a question which, if we should attempt to decide, would accomplish no result."

But the minority makes an attempt to show it a Grand Lodge *de jure* founding on the *Maine doctrine* and the expressed opinions of those who have shrouded their judgment under the skirts of Bro. Drummond's coat, and read the case "through his spectacles." We are inclined to believe that some of them are beginning to think they were deceived, at least we have heard of one who says, "had it not been for Bro. Drummond," she "(Quebec) would have yet been out in the cold."

The report on foreign correspondence is by Bro. W. H. Hill and falls nothing behind its predecessors, but shows him a "workman that need not be ashamed," his report covers 100 pages and comprehends a review of 43 Grand Lodges, several of them for two years, Canada for 1870 receives considerable notice as well as a special emergent communication held on Dec. 1st, 1869, and also the proceedings of the Annual Communication of 1871 in as far as the same had reached him, he refers to our remarks on the decision of his Grand Lodge in 1869 as to non-intercourse with the Grand Orient of France, which remarks he quotes, and then asks "how we could proscribe Lodges and yet exonerate all the brethren;" as we will have to refer to the subject in

answer to Louisiana we do not intend to refer to the matter here at any length, farther than to say that there are many ways in which the Lodges are proscribed without affecting the brethren as individuals, we think the instance in the paragraph referred to is one to the point, but to mention one or two more. The Lodge is proscribed from all political discussions, but individual members may spout politics as loud and as long as they please, the Lodge is also proscribed from going to church or market, a wedding or a funeral or anywhere else without a special dispensation, which may be granted or withheld as the G. M. chooses, while the brethren may go to all or any of these things or places as taste and inclination may dictate.

An oration was delivered by the Grand Orator W. Bro. John M. Browne, much of which we should like to transcribe but our limits will not allow us.

The masonic board of relief of the city of San Francisco report assets for the year from all sources including a balance of \$597,85 from last year, \$8,049,87. Expended for 138 cases of relief \$7,714,83, balance in treasury \$335,04.

The financial report of G. L. shows balance in treasury last year, including both general and representative funds \$5,911,12. Received for both funds for the year \$19,503,25. Total \$25,414,37. Disbursements \$19,011,55. Balance in Treasury \$6,402,82.

STATISTICS.—Lodges 181; U. D. 3; Initiated, 760; Passed, 759; Raised, 758; M. Masons, 9,909.

M. W. Bro. Leonidas E. Pratt, G. M., and R. W. Bro. Alex. Gurdan Abell, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

#### COLORADO.

The eleventh Annual Communication commenced at Denver, 26th September, 1871, M. W. Bro. Henry M. Teller, G. M., and R. W. Bro. E. C. Parmelee, G. S., and other Grand officers and representatives from all the subordinate Lodges except one.

The G. M's. address is short and refers to local matters he gives a brief history of the Grand Lodge from its organization to the present time, their Lodges have increased from 3 to 15, besides two dispensations issued, and their members have increased from 62 to 993. He remarks that they have not increased the number of their Lodges so rapidly as some jurisdictions have, and that their membership appears small compared with some sister Grand Lodges. He says:

"I think we may give thanks that so much prosperity has attended us; so much harmony and brotherly love existed among us; so few have failed to do their part in the work in which we are engaged and that we have in the main selected suitable material for our Masonic building.

I have at all times felt the importance of commencing right in a new jurisdiction like ours; the necessity of strict Masonic discipline among the members; and I have realized that the first ten years of our existence as a Grand Lodge, would in a great measure, determine the character of this Grand Body in the future."

"I have found it often better to reprove than to praise, and I have with some of the Brethren, obtained a character for fault finding and reproof; with being too conservative; with going too slow; as not being anxious enough to multiply Lodges in the jurisdiction; as lacking in sympathy with the Brethren in the sparsely settled districts; as not willing to give the facilities for Lodge gatherings near their homes. I have endeavoured while serving you as Grand Master, to discourage the formation of weak Lodges."

He says he is happy to report that the fraternity is in a prosperous condition, that there has been no discord that he has heard of, that the Lodges financially are doing well, and that he believes as great uniformity of *work* exists among the various Lodges, as they have any reason to expect.

No report on correspondence.

A fund of \$541,50 towards establishing a Library to be kept at interest until Grand Lodge is permanently located.

There is a balance in Treasurers hands of \$206,55 besides the Library fund.

Fifteen Chartered Lodges and two U. D. 993 members.

M. W. Bro. Henry M. Teller, G. M., and R. W. Bro. Edward C. Parmelee, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

We have in the volume before us the synopsis of a great number of Communications which we shall endeavor briefly to notice *seriatim*, and first: Stated Commnnication Jan. 11th, 1871. A Committee previously appointed to report on the propriety of Grand Lodge adopting Bro. Mackay's Manual, reported unfavorably.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following resolution which was adopted:

*"Resolved.* That when a Brother has been elected to receive the Fellow Craft's or Master Mason's degrees in a Lodge, and an objection is entered to his receiving it by a member of the Lodge in good standing, the degree shall not be conferred upon the Brother so long as the objection shall remain; but should the Brother who made the objection cease to be a member of the Lodge from any cause, the objection shall fall and the Brother be entitled to have the degree conferred upon him, unless the objection shall be renewed by a member in good standing in the Lodge."

A most unjust and superlatively iniquitous law, we think.

Special Communication, March 8th, 1871, for the purpose, First, of receiving a portrait of the late Bro. B. B. French, presented to Grand Lodge by an amateur artist, Bro. Max Weyl,—speeches were delivered praising the artist and justly eulogising on the worth and merits of the departed Brother. Second. Arranging for extending to Right Hon. Earl De Gray and Ripon, (now Marquis of Ripon) G. M. of England a cordial and fraternal masonic welcome, and farther it was

*"Resolved,* That the Masonic choir is hereby fraternally requested to make arrangements for giving, at such time as may suit their convenience, a concert in the large hall of the Temple for the benefit of the Grand Lodge.

*“Resolved, That the Masters of the subordinate Lodges are hereby requested to take such measures in their several Lodges as they may deem best adapted to make such concert as successful and remunerative as possible.”*

We wonder if this is any thing of the kind which G. M. Pratt of California, and G. M. Bouek of Wisconsin come down upon so strongly? whether it was right or wrong, we are informed in a subsequent part of the book that it was not accompanied by any *tangible blessing*.

Spécial Communication, April 10th 1871. Earl de Gray and Ripon had accepted the invitation, and now had arrived.

“The ne'er to be forgotten day,  
Sae far they stammered up the brae,  
They dinner'd wi' a Lord,  
An' wi' a Lord, stan' out my shin—  
A Lord, a Peer, an Earl's son,  
Up higher yet my bonnet”

All the Grand Masters in the United States had been invited, several attended in person and others by proxy and some who could not attend sent letters of apology.

The noble guest was introduced in due form, and the brethren formed into procession, and descended to the banquet hall. The hall was beautifully decorated. At the east end was the chair of the Grand Master, and suspended over it, the great banner of the Grand Lodge. On either side were draped in fraternal union the national banners of England and the United States. In the panel on the right of the Grand Master was suspended a fine half-size portrait of the Queen of England, and on the left a full-length portrait of George Washington. On the side walls were suspended and intertwined the national colors of the two countries, while at the western end of the room was hung a fine portrait of the late distinguished Past Grand Master B. B. French, and across the western end of the hall was festooned the national standard. After the cloth was removed, the Grand Master caused the hall to be purged of all except Master Masons, after which a Table Lodge was opened in due form, and the glasses were charged for the regular toasts.

"The night gaed on wi' sangs and clatter."

And M. W. Bro. Stansbury having announced that the regular toasts of the evening were disposed of and that they were ready for any sentiment any brother present might deem proper to propose—Earl De Gray rose and in a neat short speech full of brotherly love and kindness proposed the health of G. M. Stansbury, amid loud and continued applause, to which G. M. Stansbury made a suitable reply.

In due course the following resolution was received from the Grand Lodge of England:

*"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of England, having heard from the M. W. Grand Master, a very gratifying account of the cordial and fraternal welcome given to him by the Freemasons of the United States of America, seizes the earliest opportunity of tendering its most sincere and heartfelt thanks to the GRAND LODGE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, and to the other Grand Lodges and Brethren of the United States, for their very hearty and enthusiastic reception of the EARL DE GREY AND RIPON, Most Worshipful Grand Master, as representing the Grand Lodge and Freemasons of England."*

"DE GREY AND RIPON, G. M."

"JOHN HERVEY, G. S."

[L. S.]

Semi-Annual Communication, 10th May, 1871. A Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to P. G. M. Donaldson, and other business of a local character transacted.

Annual Communication, Nov. Sth, 1871. The G. M. in his address mentions that visitations had been made and addresses given to some eighteen Lodges; referring to the appalling calamity of the Chicago fire he had on receipt of the news called a mass meeting of the brethren and that \$2,868.40 had been conveyed by a special committee to the G. M. of Illinois for the benefit of the suffering brethren, that a further sum had been collected which was expected to be enhanced by the proceeds of a concert by the masonic choir.

He says "not a single case of masonic discipline has been

brought to my attention during the year, nor has there been a single masonic trial." He had granted but few dispensations and few important questions of masonic law and usage had been submitted to him.

Installation Communication Dec. 27th, 1871. P. G. M. Donaldson installed M. W. Bro. C. F. Stansbury G. M., who delivered an inaugural address and afterwards installed the other officers. R. W. Bro. N. D. Larner, retiring G. Sec'y, was presented with a beautiful cane as a token of the esteem in which he is held by his brethren, the presentation was made by Bro. A. G. Mackay, P. G. Secretary of South Carolina.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. W. R. Singleton, he reviews 41 American Grand Lodges and nine Foreign, Canada for 1871 included. He quotes largely from G. M. Stevenson's address, and fraternally notices our review. He regrets having received the proceedings so late, as there are very many excellent things he would like to extract.

The report is exhaustive extending to 148 pages, is well written and replete with much that is valuable and interesting.

Stated Communication, Jan. 10th, 1872. Business related to local matters.

There is annexed to the volume a statistical table of Grand Lodges in America and the British Provinces compiled by Bro. Singleton from the proceedings of 1870 and '71.

STATISTICS.—Lodges 19, Master Masons per last return, 2,707.

M. W. Bro. C. F. Stansbury, re-elected G. M. R. W. Bro. C. W. Hancock, elected Grand Secretary.

#### DELAWARE.

The sixty-fifth Annual Communication commenced at the city of Wilmington, June 27, 1871, M. W. Bro. J. C. McCabe, G. M., and R. W. Bro. J. P. Allmond, G. S. The

whole of the Lodges (20) represented. Grand Master opens his address with the usual congratulations, and says.

"From all quarters of our vast country, the tidings comes to our ears that the craft is prospering abundantly, that foolish prejudices are giving way, and that an enlightened public opinion has already recognized the institution of masonry as a synonym of that love so beautifully personified and set forth in the XIII chapter of the 1st Epistle to the Corinthians, and so faithfully exemplified in the life and conduct of all good masons. So mote it be."

He then proceeds with a minute detail of his official acts, which are all of a local character; he does not appear to have given any decisions. Several special communications had been held during the year—installing officers, consecrating a Lodge, revising their Constitution and the like. On one of these occasions, when the Grand Secretary had read the Constitution and General Laws and Regulations as submitted by a committee, Grand Lodge was declared to "*be at ease*," where that is we cannot tell; but they came back again, for the narrative tells us what they did "upon reassembling."

The most important of the special communications was, one on April 20th, 1871, laying the corner stone of a new Masonic Hall in Wilmington, which the (Grand Master tells us) when completed, will be one of the chief ornaments of the city. The ceremonial in full, and an excellent oration delivered by the Grand Master are given in the minutes of the meeting; and in the appendix we have a full account of the banquet that followed, given by a few individual members to the Grand Lodge, and in honor of the distinguished guests, at which the participants seem to have had a happy and jovial time.

The account of the proceedings closes as follows:

"National and patriotic songs intervened, and shortly after old father Time had sounded twelve bells, the song of *Auld Lang Syne*, by Gen. Balloch, with full choral accompaniment, closed the entertainment, and the 'Grand Lodge of Delaware,' its invited guests included, dispersed to their

respective homes, to toss about in bed and painfully meditate upon the folly of an excessive indulgence in lobster salad, terrapin, ice-cream, &c., &c., until daybreak."

A committee was appointed to make the necessary preparations for the consecration and dedication of the Hall, which is expected to be completed early this year.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. J. T. Budd, he acknowledges receipt of proceedings of 26 Grand Lodges, Canada for 1870 included. Bro. Budd surely may claim the approbation of the advocates of short reports, for he has compressed into three pages the ten or twelve thousand pages furnished to him. He takes a cursory glance at "things in general," and notices the remarks of a few reviewers anent the proceedings of his own Grand Lodge. Amongst his "generalities" we find the following: "We find that Masonic Temples are on every hand being erected and dedicated, and this fact brings us the assurance that the craft are at labor." Perhaps it does, but if he would take time to read more carefully, the fact would (in some cases) bring to him the assurance that the craft would have been better to have been at "*rest*." In our review of 1870, we said *inter alia*. "The financial matters of the Grand Lodge seem complicated, we do not profess to understand them, and we let them alone," for which conclusion Bro. Budd returns thanks.

The Grand Secretary reports that the finances of the Lodge are in a more healthy state than they have been for years. Twenty Lodges, 1,028 Master Masons.

M. W. Bro. Rev. J. C. McCabe, D. D., Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. P. Allmond, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

#### FLORIDA.

The Annual Communication assembled at Jacksonville 13th February, 1872—session three days. M. W. Bro. Samuel Pasco, G. M., and R. W. Bro. DeWitt C. Dawkins, G. S.

Thirty-three Lodges represented. We extract the following from Grand Master's address:

"Masonry is not a mere theory of morals made attractive by its symbolic lessons: its end is not to enable the initiated to understand a few fraternal greetings and to impart to the neophyte the traditional teachings of our ritual; these are but as the letters of the alphabet compared to the accumulated treasures of a nation's literature, and when we have become acquainted with them, we have but grasped our working tools, and made ready to enter upon our new field of labor, a field that will yield a liberal harvest to the industrious workman. We work under the sacred teachings of the Great Architect of the Universe. Truth is engraved upon our signet, and brotherly love and charity are our chief characteristics. We are patrons of the liberal arts and sciences, and in all ages our brethren have been foremost in promoting plans for the moral and intellectual elevation of our race."

The G. M. had visited personally a great number of their Lodges, the result of which was gratifying to himself, and pleasing as well as profitable to such Lodges. Four dispensations had been granted for new Lodges, and a number of dispensations for other matters. A great many things had been done during the year, but chiefly of local interest. The G. M. had given several decisions on masonic law. The almost tiresome subject of physical disqualification receives due attention; the G. M. holds firm to the landmark. He says, "It is a safe rule in these days, although I greatly doubt the antiquity of it, that a candidate should be able to read and write." They seem to have abandoned a former idea of establishing Masonic schools, and recommend the more wise plan of particular Lodges supporting the schools in their respective vicinities. There had been no deaths among the members of Grand Lodge, but a considerable number of members had died in some localities where yellow fever had crept in.

The G. M. had seen no reason to alter his opinion expressed two years ago on the Quebec case. Several amendments were made to the Constitution, and affiliation fees were abolished.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. D. C. Dawkins; forty-three Grand Lodges are reviewed, eight of these for two years, Canada is among the latter for 1870 and '71, and in both receives fraternal notice. We remarked last year that his report was in "a novel style," he says it is the old style, and older than what we called the "old system," but that at the request of the "majority heard from" he falls back into the line of "fashionable procession," and we think it is a decided improvement. But, dear Brother, why "knuckle" us so for finding fault with the style of your report? We are in the majority, who, you say, induced you to come into "fashionable procession," would it not have been as well to have kept so much of the old system and gathered the "majority" into a group, and distributed your blows *pari pasu*? but never mind, there are no broken heads, nor broken windows either, and your report is vastly improved.

We acknowledge that you and your Grand Lodge have done the "right thing" in the Quebec case, and we shall briefly explain why we did not notice your doings in our reports. In 1870 we studiously avoided remarks on the case, our own private opinion being, that if Quebec would ask in a fraternal spirit to retire, her request would forthwith be granted; and we had that faith in the good sense of the Quebec brethren that a step so trifling would not be wanting on their part to maintain concord and harmony; and quietly between ourselves—we are of the same opinion still if outsiders had minded only their own business. In 1871 we saw that the case had come to "the tug of war" and that we were forced to take the field, and the reason of your "big gun" not being in the Artillery was, that the ranks were filled—or, setting aside the *metaphor* that part of our report was closed before your proceedings arrived. Now having thus frankly explained, suffer one word of counsel, do not run away with the idea that your labors in this matter are all for Canada. Canada is laboring for you and even for those who oppose her, as much as for herself, we love all the brethren, but as elements, and been invincible to the malicious shafts of

outside foes, keep your "shoulder to the wheel then," so that when the crash comes—although we may suffer amongst the ruins, we will have the satisfaction of having done what we could to prevent it.

We cannot agree with our brother either in the exclusion of profanes, or the admission of hearsay evidence in Masonic trials. Masons must obey the law of the land, and to deal with an offending brother in opposition to that law we humbly think would be a violation of it, and one that might bring the Lodge to some trouble—we do not see that the case of Jonathan and David is applicable, theirs was only a connivance to cheat the King. We do not relish his implied approval of a Supreme Grand Lodge.

We agree with our brother however in most of his views, and approve of the poignant style in which he expresses them, but we would advise him not to fret himself overmuch about the thick heads that would not take in his digest of 1870, we know it is provoking for our brother who doubtless had spent many of "the wee short hours ayont the twal" to prepare it, and find that people will not attend to it, yet it is the way of the cold world. But we must quit. Good bye, Brother, may the best blessings brought forth by the sun, the moon and the stars ever rest upon, and abide with you. One word more—we see you find fault with Indiana in her spelling of an unpronounceable name. Observe that you spell the name of our G. M. with a "ph" in the middle instead of a v. Mind "glass houses."

STATISTICS.—Lodges 63; members not summed up.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

#### GEORGIA.

The Annual Communication commenced in the city of Macon Oct. 31st, 1871. M.W.Bro. Samuel Lawrence, G. M., and R.W. Bro. J. Emmett Blackshear, G. S. 273 Lodges represented.

The G. M. opens his address by ascriptions of praise to the G. A. O. T. U. for the many mercies bestowed during last year, he says, "however others may consider the duty of rendering this homage to the High and Holy one, whose habitation is in the Heaven of Heavens, but whose presence is every where, even now in our midst, we masons cannot neglect or ignore it," he renders an account of his official acts and their name is legion, amongst other things he attended the banquet given at Washington to the Grand Master of England, and had also attended the convention of reporters on Foreign Correspondence at Baltimore; out of many questions on jurisprudence he submits only a few that he deems of sufficient importance to report. We find that several jurisdictions hold that a G. L. officer cannot be an officer say W. M. of a subordinate Lodge, a view we could never see the force of, or a reason for, G. M. says "the XVII General Regulation applies only for the time being to the communication of the Grand Lodge while in session, and does not forbid the Grand officers there innumeraled from serving as officers in a subordinate Lodge in vacation. It is to be construed as simply affirmative of that provision of our constitution that no brother shall represent more than one Lodge at the same time—that is—act in two representative characters at and during the communication of Grand Lodge. If a Grand officer he must act only as such, but so soon as the communication is closed, he returns to his station in his subordinate Lodge whatever that may be."

He shows that all the old regulations on this subject previous to the constituting of Grand Lodges as they now are, must have had reference only to the General Annual Assemblies of Masons, and farther shows that soon after the adoption of the present Grand Lodge system and previous to 1756, misunderstandings on this point had crept in, and in the new regulations adopted previous to the date mentioned we find it thus explained. "Old Grand officers are now some of them officers of particular Lodges, but are

"not deprived of their privilege in the Grand Lodge, to sit  
 "and vote there as old Grand officers; *only* he deposes a past  
 "officer of his particular Lodge to act *pro tem.* as the officer  
 "of that Lodge at the Grand Lodge."

On the trial of Officers we quote the following.—"None  
 "but a present or acting Master has the right to claim a  
 "jury of Past Masters on a charge touching moral character  
 "or standing, and this is only allowed in consideration of the  
 "probability, that where such a dignitary falls so far below  
 "the duties and requirements of his position as to justify or  
 "call for charges against him, there may be too much  
 "prejudice existing in his Lodge to ensure him a fair trial;  
 "a Grand Master himself *on general principles*, is subject to  
 "trial and discipline in the Lodge of which he is a member  
 "*for gross, immoral or unmasonic conduct*, otherwise when the  
 "charge involves *Official* misconduct, then he can only be  
 "tried by his Peers in Grand Lodge. But on the broad  
 "platform and basis of moral consideration, and of the high  
 "dignity of his office, *he* can only be tried before his Grand  
 "Lodge."

The G. M. recommends advancing the salary of Grand Secretary, but we do not observe that any action was taken on it, beyond allowing him \$200,00 for his report on Foreign Correspondence.

The Building Committee report that the new Masonic Hall at Macon will cost \$48,500,00, besides \$11,500,00 paid for the lot—in all \$60,000,00.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. J. Emmett Blackshear (111 pp.) 44 Grand Lodges are reviewed besides Prussia, Chili and Mexico. Canada for 1870 receives fraternal notice. In Bro. Blackshear's report of 1869, when discussions on *Maimis* was the fashion of the day, he asks "is there any greater bar to the initiation of one who has anchylosis of one of the phalangeal articulations of the ring finger than one who is in the last stage of consumption, to which we replied, No. We think the bar is about equal in

both \* \* \* as to F. and A. Masons ankylosis of any of the phalangeal articulations of the *Recti manus* would render his admission impossible, just let Bro. Blackshear scub his thumb to a splint and try, he says "all right here's the "thumb of my hand next my heart, apply the splint, your-  
"self—and if we do not succeed in working our way into  
"any regular masonic Lodge on this continent then we give  
"it up."

Dear Brother you are "off the track," the subject in hand was initiation, the instrument the *recti manus* believing as we do that your heart is in the *right place* we frankly acknowledge that over here we know nothing about *left hand masonry*, take any kind of ashlers into the building you please, cork feet, glass eyes, artificial teeth, stucco noses, gouty knees, stiff elbows and ankylosed articulations, provided you keep them within the sound of your own gavel; we hold to the landmarks "sound of mind and members, freeborn and of good report."

The Secretary reports that he has sent three copies of Grand Lodge proceedings, we assure our worthy brother that only one copy has reached us, and our Grand Secretary informs us that *even that one copy* came directed to Bro. Burkett, and accidentally found its way into his (Grand Secretary's) box. Perhaps it was intended for the colored Masons of this city, which to us would be no more wonderful than the recognition of Quebec, or what is equally probable; intended as a slight on us for having declined to recognize that *unwarranted account* made upon us by his Grand Lodge.

It is evident that Bro. Blackshear had our proceedings on hand, and if he had taken the trouble to look, he could have seen that our Grand Secretary is Thos. B. Harris.

Treasurer's assets from all sources \$17,824,85. Disbursements \$16,593,27. Balance on hand \$1,231,58.

M. W. Bro. Samuel Lawrence, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. Emmett Blackshear, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

## IDAHO.

The fourth Annual Communication commenced at Silver City, on Oct. 2nd, 1871, and was in session five days.

M. W. Bro. Samuel B. Connolly, Grand Master, and Bro. L. F. Cartee, appointed Grand Secretary *pro tem*.

Eight Lodges (all on the roll) were represented.

The Grand Master opens his address with a warm fraternal welcome. He is highly pleased with their social condition, and is felicitous on the condition of Masonry both at home and abroad. He recommends the abandonment of an Orphans' Fund established two years' ago, believing that it is more than they can accomplish. He brings up the Quebec question, which he proposes to lay before Grand Lodge at some length. He does go to some length, but the question on its merits is untouched. We do not think that if the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec had written his address for him that they could have so mystified it, but Grand Lodge was recognized. In his concluding remarks he strikes hard and justly on slander and intemperance, and on profanity we quote his own words: "Profanity is more an indecency than a vice; more a mark of bad breeding than of depravity. The idle use of sacred names does not add force to truth, nor emphasis to expression." We quite agree with the Grand Master that profanity is indecent and a mark of bad breeding, but that these are its paramount evils rather than being a "vice" and a "mark of depravity" is something we have never heard of in or from a Masonic Lodge before. The profane swearer, while he insults his fellow-men by his filthy talking, and thereby displays his bad breeding, does what is ten thousand times worse, he "sets his mouth against the heavens," insults the throne of the Eternal; blasphemes the thrice holy name of Him "in whom he lives, moves and has his being," and sets open defiance to Him whose name alone is Jehovah;" that incommprehensible name that Masons of old time were not permitted to utter. He further renounces the very first

conditions on which he got admission into our order, and tramples on the very first charge ever laid upon him, viz., "Trust in God," and "never to mention His name but with that reverential awe due from a creature to his creator." This young sister is not progressing, and we fear she never will until she takes the belief of a God in its true meaning as her practical basis. We have no pleasure in referring to the faults of our erring brethren, but as in some measure connected with what we have already said, we copy the closing paragraph of the report of the Committee on Grievances:

"The facts are that Masonry in this jurisdiction is becoming a reproach and a bye-word, not only among the good and true of our order, but among the business men and families in our several communities; and it is time now to put a stop to these flagrant outrages against our beloved order. Our Lodges must be purified, and if members will not from a love of the fraternity—be good and true—the subordinates must act promptly and enforce our laws, and if kind words and brotherly affection will not cure the evils existing, then we must cut off the unworthy by expulsion."

No report on correspondence.

Treasurer reports assets \$971.85; Disbursements, \$509. Cash on hand, general fund, \$158.15. Widows' and orphans' fund, \$304.70.

Lodges eight; same as last year. Members, 283; five less than last year.

M. W. Bro. J. W. Brown, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. L. F. Cartee, Grand Secretary.

#### ILLINOIS.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was held in the City of Chicago, Oct. 3rd, 1871. Session three days.

M. W. Bro. Dewitt C. Cregier, Grand Master, R. W. Bro.

Orlin H. Miner, Grand Secretary, and 14 other Grand officers, 31 D. D. G. M.'s, 14 permanent members, 4 representatives from other Grand Lodges, and 540 Lodges represented.

The Grand Master in his address after the usual greeting says :

"From every portion of our vast jurisdiction come the good tidings of unity, harmony and prosperity. For these and other blessings which have been vouchsafed to us as citizens and as Masons, let us unite in grateful thanksgiving to Almighty God."

He then notices feelingly the following deaths since last Annual Communication. R. W. Alonzo Ransom a P. D. D. G. M., of the jurisdiction; W. Bro. the Honorable Sharon Tyndale late Secretary of State for Illinois, basely assassinated at the midnight hour on 26th April last; Bro. John Mellon a patriarch of 85 years, more than fifty of which he had been an active Freemason; and M. W. Bro. Giles M. Hillyer at the time of his death representative of Grand Lodge of Illinois, near Grand Lodge of Mississippi; to all of whom memorial pages are devoted in the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

The jurisdiction is divided into 30 districts, with a D. D. G. M. to each, and one for Lodges working in the German language, from these officials interesting reports are given and show a gratifying condition of peace and prosperity throughout the jurisdiction. Twenty one Lodges to whom charters were granted at last communication had been constituted, and in addition to six Lodges U. D. continued last year, dispensations had been granted to 20 more. Under the heading of "Dispensations to confer degrees," he says :

"During the year I have had frequent applications for authority to *initiate* applicants in less time than is prescribed by law. I have granted but three dispensations for this purpose. They were issued amid the business of, and

immediately after the last session of the Grand Lodge, but even these, although issued to worthy Lodges in behalf of worthy men, I would gladly recall were it possible. Not that I question the right of the Grand Master to set aside the forms of law in cases of this kind, but because I regard it as equivalent to "making Masons at sight," and I believe no man should be allowed to join the fraternity without ample time being allowed to scrutinize his character by those with whom he is to be associated. A petition for this purpose generally sets forth very fully the great advantage and accommodation that would accrue to the candidate by such proceedings, but seldom or never does it show that Masonry or the Lodge would be benefited by them."

"When one of the principal laws of Masonry is to be abrogated it should be for the benefit of Masons, and not for profanes who have no rights whatever upon the fraternity; when a man is duly *initiated* he becomes a Mason, 'a brother,' and as such is entitled to consideration. It frequently happens that such an one desires to advance without regard to time; and although I have felt it my duty in some cases to refuse even these, yet when good reasons have been shown, I have granted dispensations to confer the second and third degrees in twenty lodges, which are named."

"I have also issued dispensations for holding special elections, also authorizing the installation of brethren who had not served as Wardens, and for other purposes, to 13 Lodges named."

The above quotation tempts us to ask: Whence comes this extraordinary power of dispensing with a fixed law to be vested in the Grand Master? A question to which we have never met with a satisfactory answer. We do not mean permissions for processions, laying corner stones, &c.; these are emergencies that cannot well be otherwise provided for, but when we have a constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations, confirmed and sealed by Grand Lodge, with a declaration that none of them can be rescinded or altered except by Grand Lodge, under certain rules and by certain majorities, we think the Grand Master, being at the head of the Executive, should of all men be bound to see those laws vindicated; but instead thereof he rides roughshod over them as his fancy directs. We are told that the

Master had such powers long ago, that by usage they have become inherent—have become a landmark, &c. We think the “long ago” was when the craft had no law to guide them other than the Master’s order. If this is so, and if it would be a breach of a landmark to deprive the Master of these powers, our present Grand Lodge system is also a breach of a landmark. Why hold on to a landmark that is inapplicable to our present state of existence, or if we must, why the farce of legislating at all? Even if the plea of inherent right were correct as to the Grand Master, when or how did the right become communicable to his deputies? Grand Master Brown, of Kansas, says: “The Grand Master *may* have the power and authority under our regulations and usages to grant special dispensations to set aside a positive law. I am clearly of the opinion that the exercise of such power and authority would be fraught with many evil consequences.” Indeed Grand Master Cregier, although he does not question the Grand Master’s right to set aside the forms of law, would gladly have recalled some of his dispensations if possible, because he thinks it equivalent to making “Masons at sight.” We think so to, and equivalent to setting all laws at defiance. We are happy to find that the right of “making Masons at sight” (although perhaps as much a landmark as the other) is about to be consigned to its last resting-place, and we hope the other will follow in due course. In the meantime we do not know if the “Almighty Dollar” has anything to do with it, but we find the total amount received for dispensations to confer degrees (out of time) \$282.00. On the subject of discipline we quote the following from the Grand Master’s address, which we think well deserving of notice:

“In some instances I have attended in person, or by correspondence have given such instruction and advice as seemed proper to correct errors and secure harmony. In others the matter has been referred to the District Deputy whose prompt and efficient service has with few exceptions saved the necessity of an appeal to you. Lodges requiring the official services of a Deputy should pay the reasonable

expense attending the visit of such an officer. It may not be amiss here to say that brethren should not carry into the Lodge every imaginary wrong, or matter of a trivial character, which affect them only individually. Our disciplinary code is not intended to gratify a spirit of private pique or revenge, but, on the contrary, it is intended to protect and preserve the good name of Masonry. Unless this be the object to be accomplished, then it were far better as a rule that brethren should sacrifice their personal feelings and thereby avoid trouble to themselves, their Lodge, and frequently the reputation of the fraternity in their midst."

Where difficulties have occurred between Lodges or individual brethren and their conduct has been subjected to the ordeal of an official investigation and the matter settled to the satisfaction of all concerned, I deem it unnecessary to occupy your time in giving details, besides in such cases it can serve no good purpose to parade the names and faults of either to the gaze of the masonic world."

Thirty-three decisions are given, but none of them seem to have anything peculiar in them, and are in accordance with the by-laws of Grand Lodge. Eight halls were dedicated and five corner stones laid.

A clergyman claimed to be exempted from payment of dues on the ground that by usage and practically in law clergymen are exempted. The Committee on Jurisprudence could not see it. The following case was also settled by said committee. The Rev. A. B. died at Normal, Oct. 2nd, 1870, he had been dropped from the roll of members by Lodge, No. 87, for non-payment of dues. C. D., of Lodge No. 512, assumed the funeral expenses, amounting to \$59.00. On applying to Lodge, No. 87, for repayment she paid *one-third*, but refused to pay more. C. D. applies to Grand Lodge to compel Lodge, No. 87, to pay the balance. Committee find that "in the absence of any definite law upon the subject, your committee are of the opinion that no brother or lodge can bind any other brother or lodge for the payment of any funeral, sickness or other expenses unless by express consent." We wonder when men will cease to spend other peoples money without their consent and claim

repayment as a *right*." In this case the deceased was a non-affiliated Mason, and one Lodge had as much right to bury him as another, but affiliated or not no man has a right to spend another man's money without his consent. No law could have compelled Lodge, No. 87, to pay a dollar, excepting the law of benevolence, and we think they gave ample evidence that they were not void of that.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Joseph Robbins (88 pp.). A number of Grand Lodges—all that has come to hand—are exhaustively and interestingly reviewed. Annual Communication of Canada for 1870, and three special emergent Communications previous thereto receive a full and fraternal notice. He says: "Illinois is not included in our report of 1870, which is quite true for the simple reason that their proceedings did not reach us in time, but he will know before now that in our last year's report we reviewed 1869 and 1870."

There are many things in the report which we would like to quote, but we must forbear.

Treasurer's account, balance on hand last year, \$6,471.95. Received this year, \$27,195.35, equal to \$33,667.30. Disbursements, \$27,391.51. On hand, \$6,275.79.

Lodges, 682; Initiated, 3,170; Passed, 2,996; Raised, 2,985. Total members, 36,503.

M. W. Bro. DeWitt C. Cregier, G. M., and R. W. Bro. Orlin H. Miner, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

#### KANSAS.

The sixteenth Annual Communication commenced in the city of Topeka, Oct. 18th, 1871. In session two days. M. W. Bro. John H. Brown, G. M., and R. W. Bro. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary.

Sixty-eight Lodges represented, we have here a tastefully got up volume of 233 pages on fine tinted paper in a glazed cover.

The Grand Master in his address after the usual fraternal salutations says :

"The year just closed has been one of marked prosperity in this our young State. Population has poured in on every side, and, though vastly greater than at our last assembling, our products are amply sufficient to meet every want, if judiciously used, and leave a surplus to supply the pressing needs of the older States. The laws have been enforced without resort to military coercion; a higher regard for human life, a loftier moral tone, and a profounder love of humanity, may be noticed on every side. Our star rises higher and higher as the months come and go. Be it ours to watch its upward course, and with it rise or with it fall. But fall we shall not, if our faith be well founded, if we wisely avail ourselves of the light and forces at our command. No untoward sign blots our sky; but everywhere tokens of happiness bid us anticipate the contingencies of the future, and provide for its wants."

Dispensations had been granted for 19 new Lodges.

Under the head of Discipline he says:

"It is safe to affirm that nine-tenths of all the troubles which afflict our Lodges are the immediate result of personal misunderstanding during warm discussion. Let our friends remember that *caution* in all cases, especially in warm debate, is indispensable, and these sources of discord will cease to exist.

"There is another, and very mischievous, element finding its way among the Craft—that of politics. None other is so fraught with evil, and it is not to be gainsayed that where tolerated there is nothing but confusion. If prosperity be desired, if peace be expected, let this element be left outside the Lodge room and fostered only around the "stump" and at the polls."

He introduces sound moral lessons on masonic crimes, obedience to law, and the duties of Masters, in closing his remarks on the latter, he admonishes thus:—

"I entreat my brethren everywhere to look well to the East—let no unworthy person occupy that place; let no polluted feet desecrate the path that leads thereto. Never, never, suffer any but the "upright before God and man" to

minister at our altars, or preside at our meetings. The first condition of peace is that the elements of peace shall be at hand. The primary condition of harmony is that all elements of discord shall be rejected, and every disturbing force cast out. If we shall be so fortunate in times of need as to recall these truths, and by them be guided, there will not be wanting concord, unity, progress and brotherly love. Growth will be inevitable and in the right direction. Peace will prevail, and the victories of peace multiply; and charity will not only hide a multitude of sins, but prevent the recurrence of multitudes more."

With feeling and appropriate remarks he notices the fraternal dead, particularly R. W. Bro. Beverly Beck who was Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge during the year of its organization. R. W. Bro. Charles Mundee who had been Grand Secretary for four consecutive years, and Bro. John L. Thomson who had been a faithful attendant at the annual gatherings of Grand Lodge, and who had been accidentally killed by a railway train.

From 13 decisions given, we quote the following :

"A certificate or dimit from a military Lodge as to good standing etc., is not admissible in this Grand jurisdiction. The applicant should first be formally healed before he can be admitted into the Lodge as a visitor.

"I am of the opinion a Lodge has the right to extend the honors of a masonic burial to a deceased brother known to the Lodge to be in good standing, though not affiliated at the time of his death with any Lodge. There is difference of opinion on this question. Humanity requires if there be room for doubt that we take such a course, that our error, if we err, be in the right direction.

"No brother has the right to demand the reconsideration of a ballot. This prerogative alone belongs to the W. M. It is getting to be quite a practice in Lodges in these latter days for some brother, when a friend is blackballed, to claim he cast the negative vote, and demand a reconsideration of the ballot, in hopes the real brother might change his mind. Such proceedings are irregular and out of order.

"The Grand Master *may* have the power and authority under our regulations and usages to grant special dispensations to set aside a positive law. I am clearly of the opinion

that the exercise of such power and authority would be fraught with many evil consequences."

One decision was that the ballot must be cast for each degree which was altered by the committee on jurisprudence.

"*Resolved*, That when a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry has applied for, and been elected to receive, the degrees, in a subordinate Lodge, it shall not be necessary to spread the ballot in order to the *advancement* of the candidate to the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason, unless some member of the Lodge shall demand it."

Although this may look like a step in the right direction, it is in reality the Grand Masters decision in different language. If a Bro. is desirous to keep back the applicant, the demanding of a ballot is easily managed. We hold that an E. A. is a brother Mason, that he entered and was received with the express intention of becoming a master as soon as he acquired sufficient knowledge of his business,—If therefore he gives satisfactory evidence of his proficiency, he has an unquestionable right to be advanced unless for cause shown and with the privilege of answering—that he should be kept back by the caprice or malignity of a secret enemy is—in so far as we can see—tantamount to expelling a brother M. M. by ballot without charge, trial, or hearing, a course which no Lodge or any other body sacred or civil has even tolerated, if we except perhaps the Spanish inquisition.

The report on Foreign Correspondence (84 pp) is by Bro. E. T. Carr, 43 Grand Lodges are reviewed, Canada for 1870 is noticed briefly but fraternally. The report is brief with a few exceptions, and with very few comments, there is one however that we feel called upon to notice under Missouri, viz:

"A Brother who has not been elected and installed Warden of a Chartered Lodge is ineligible to the office of Master of a Lodge, although he may have acted as Worshipful Master of a Lodge U. D."

One reason for our referring to this case, is, because a

misprint got into our report of last year, page 783, under Missouri, and under the above decision we wrote "we cordially agree" but to our mortification we discovered when too late to correct, that it was printed "we cannot agree" we certainly do agree and that zealously; Bro. Carr gets on his high horse too soon, he bursts out of his quiet sanctum as in a paroxysm of hysteria, and exclaims "what hair splitting, if competent to take charge of a new Lodge, nurse it in its infancy, and succeed in its maturity so far as to be able to stand the test of the Grand Lodge, when a charter is asked for, why should he not be eligible?" Now the way we read the decision is, Missouri admits it to be the law in accordance with the ancient charges, we hold it in this jurisdiction as the law, all the jurisdictions we are acquainted with, hold it, Bro. Carr acknowledges that Kansas holds it, viz: "That a brother must be elected and installed a Warden before he is eligible to the office of Master. The Grand Master of Missouri says—"admitting this to be the law, the fact of a brother having acted as Master in a Lodge U. D. does not affect the law, but he too must serve as a Warden before he is eligible for the office of Master in a chartered Lodge."

The doctrine laid down in the decision as we understand it is,—That the masonic status of a brother is not permanently affected by any thing that he does under a dispensation from the Grand Master, for instance he may be appointed by the Grand Master under a dispensation to lay a corner stone, while executing that work he is a D. G. M. but when that work is done he falls back in *statu quo*, not a P. D. G. M. in the case of a new Lodge it is quite possible that there may not be a Warden amongst the applicants, but Bro. Carr seems to overlook the fact that the new Lodge will not be constituted until the Grand Master is satisfied that the Master selected is capable of *doing the work*, the W. M. of a chartered Lodge is subject to no such scrutiny, hence the necessity of serving as a Warden, that the brethren may have an opportunity of observing his conduct, qualifications and acquire-

ments, but while we mention this in passing, we think the decision referred to strictly applies to a Lodge U. D. to whom a charter has been refused, and when the members return to their old Lodge again; of course when a charter is granted and a brother serves his term as Master under that charter he becomes permanently a Past Master.

We find under New Jersey that Bro. Carr on the subject of Black-balling by proxy says, "that if a brother told him that he (the brother) had good reasons for objecting to a certain candidate, but could not attend the meeting, he affirms that he would certainly cast his black ball and denies that it is voting by proxy," we cannot see what else it is, so long as the *brother's* reasons have not been told him, and so long as he knows nothing against the candidate from his own knowledge, the brother's objections if he knew them might have no weight with him at all.

Finances.—Assets, including balance from last year \$3,087,72. Disbursements \$2,036,55. Balance on hand \$1,051,17. Total value of Lodge Fund as reported, \$45,960,00.

Number of Lodges on roll 104; Extinct 5; Members returned 2,425.

W. M. Bro. John M. Price, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John H. Brown, elected Grand Secretary.

#### LOUISIANA.

The sixtieth Annual Communication commenced in the city of New Orleans, on 12th February, 1872. Session five days.

M. W. Bro. Samuel Manning Todd, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. James C. Batchelor, M. D., Grand Secretary.

Eighty-two Chartered Lodges represented and two U. D. The Grand Master in his address alludes to the solemn subject of the inroads made by the "Grim King," since last Annual Communion, and mentions seven P. M.'s and two W. M.'s in their own jurisdiction, and also Bro. James M.

Hillyer, P. G. M., Mississippi, and M. W. Bro. J. H. Anderson, Grand Master, Texas. The jurisdiction is divided into eighteen districts. Some of the D. D. G. M.'s had made no returns, but from those who have we learn that amongst the various Lodges there is the mixture of good and evil, and sunshine and shade incident to all human institutions. Four dispensations for new lodges had been granted and one refused on good grounds. Amongst the permissions (and we think permission a word preferable to dispensation in cases where no fixed law is interfered with) given for sundry purposes we find one to a certain Lodge to "hold a ball for the benefit of its Tomb Fund," which presents to us rather a curious association of ideas.

From Grand Master's decisions, which this year have been few, we select the following:

"In answer (who are the brothers whose trial for offences exclusively belong to Grand Lodge?) I decided that any officer of the Grand Lodge and any W. M. of a constituent Lodge, would have a right to demand a trial before the Grand Lodge, if under charges committed while holding such office, and also Wardens of Lodges, if for acts in connexion with their office as Warden."

Amongst the multitudinous topics referred to by the Grand Master in his address we find few that are interesting to any out of his own jurisdiction, excepting on the subject of Grand Lodge sovereignty, and in this we think the Masonic world in general and Canada in particular are deeply interested. After introducing the old subject of the Grand Orient of France, and a thrust at Alabama for having so long delayed her declaration of non-intercourse. He says:

"To insure amicable fraternal relations with our brethren abroad, it will be necessary that the Masons of this country make common cause and demand that not only shall there be no interference with the recognized jurisdiction of American Grand Lodges, but that such attempted interference must be disclaimed and pronounced unmasonic by all Grand Bodies with whom we hold fraternal intercourse."

We fear the day is not far distant when Louisiana will feel the fruits of her own bad example in at least *one case* that we know, and she will do well to remember that *must* is a word not "muchly" liked on the American continent. If she claims sovereignty in Louisiana, other Grand Lodges claim sovereignty in their jurisdictions as well. A fraternal request rather than a command has a chance of receiving fraternal consideration, each sovereign body, however, reserving to itself the right of determining what it shall pronounce *unmasonic*, or with whom it shall cease to hold fraternal intercourse. Sovereign independence would be a poor thing indeed, if Louisiana or any other Grand Lodge had the right of telling us what we must do. But Grand Master Todd farther says:

"I regret to state that the Grand Lodge of Canada has not yet decided whether she is for or against this Grand Lodge in its quarrel with the Grand Orient of France, although the new Grand Lodge of Quebec has come out boldly and decidedly in our favor, and declared non-intercourse with that offending body."

This, we humbly think, may be called "pretty cool." The Grand Lodge of Canada has held, now holds, and ever will hold, the principles of Grand Lodge sovereignty and non-interference with recognized jurisdiction, and is ready to defend these principles to the death, for, and in favor of all who have lent her a helping hand in her hour of need. But for Louisiana, after warring against us and against those very principles for a period of two long years, and having "capped the climax" by taking into her bosom the "offending body" and then asking our assistance to drive the invaders from her territory, is a very fine specimen of modest assurance. The coming "out boldly" of the (would be) Grand Lodge of Quebec is a poor boast, being only a piece of mere policy to curry favor, making a pretended sacrifice of something she does not possess, for the Grand Orient of France never recognized or had any intercourse with her, and in her present position we are pretty sure never will.

On the fourth day of the session the corner-stone of the new Masonic temple was laid, in accordance with the rules of the craft.

A long address was delivered by the Rev. W. V. Tudor, and a short one by the M. W. G. M., both bearing on, and appropriate to, the occasion on hand.

Amongst the proceedings we find one Lodge—Yclept Relief Lodge, No. 1—which meets on the first Sunday of every month, and on Sunday, Dec. 31, 1871, met and elected and installed her officers. All the anti-Sabbatarians who have yet taken the field have not been able, nor ever will be able, to expunge the fourth commandment from the Decalogue, and Masons are bound to keep the moral law. How Grand Lodge can sanction the systematic violation of any one commandment we cannot tell; it is a part of Masonry we have not learned. It has no claim to antiquity, and we hope its introduction will not be looked upon by the Masonic world as an improvement to our institution. Amongst the regulations adopted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1721, the officers were to be installed on St. John's Day, unless it fell on Sunday.

The Grand Master insists on a decision on the Quebec case, which has been pending for two years, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. It was accordingly referred to the committee bearing that name, but who are evidently a committee of Legislators or *principle makers*. The majority of the recognizers have acted on Bro. Drummond's recommendation alone; others, with the view of coercing Canada into recognition, and one (Nova Scotia) for fear of her own position being affected. But this Committee take another course, and recommend recognition on what *they think should be* Masonic law. The case on its merits it appears had previously been decided in some way, or by some authority, whereof we have no information, and is not taken up by this committee at all. They say:

"The facts in this case *pro* and *con* have been fully laid before Grand Lodge in previous reports, and the question now is one of principle. The principle laid down (where?) is that the Masons of every political State or nation, having a legislature or government of its own, are entitled to have its own Grand Lodge. To illustrate: we mean by political States or divisions, such as the States and organized Territories of the United States; Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in Canada; Ireland, Scotland and England in Great Britain; the various Duchies of Germany, but not the various *arondissements* or departments of France, etc., because in these *there is no separate legislation or government of its own.*"

We wonder where they got the false information that either Scotland or Ireland had a "legislature or government of its own." They go on to say:

"Conforming to the laws of the country in which we reside, we should make the extent of our Grand Lodge organization conform to the political divisions and changes which may from time to time be made. \* \* Every Mason, whenever a change or division occurs in the political boundaries of States or nations, should take immediately the necessary steps to make the corresponding change in their own Grand Lodge organizations."

Until we saw the above, we would scarcely have believed that so much nonsense could have been expressed in so little space. Once on a time there were in England two Grand Lodges, and no outside interference of any kind caused their Union or hindered them from keeping separate, but the action of their own free sovereign will. First Scotland and then Ireland joined with England to form the one United Kingdom, but the Grand Lodges remain intact. In the above short sentence these precedents are thrown out of sight, jurisdictional rights are tied to the apron strings of the State, and Grand Lodge sovereignty treated as a thing having no existence. By the above ruling Nova Scotia and New Brunswick should throw their Grand Lodge paraphernalia into the "Gulf" and take *immediate steps* to join themselves to Canada. Some such theory seems to have scared Nova Scotia before,

as we have already hinted. The claim of Quebec is completely shut out, because there has been no change of "political boundaries or of nationality." But even if there had been any change, and if Canada had given Quebec a 'ticket of leave' should the State ever take it in its head to return to the "old way," she (Quebec) would be obliged to lay aside her "beautiful garments" and come back to her old position. We almost regret occupying so much of our time and space with such absurdities, but it is a specimen of the Quebec sympathizers, and we may say, without going far astray, with some exceptions we have mentioned, *ab uno disce omnes*.

We have a five hundred dollar report on Foreign Correspondence from Bro. James Bruce Scot. The report is full, elaborate and exhaustive, as usual, at the same time it is nothing beyond what we have a right to expect for the price. When we consider that some do the work for twenty-five dollars—and we fear that some do it as Paddy ran a mile through mud and mire in the bottomless Sedan chair, merely for the honor of the thing; it would be too bad to expect from them a report anything equal to Bro. Scot's. The report covers 171 pages, small type. Forty Grand Lodges are reviewed, and several foreign Grand bodies noticed at length. Canada for 1871 receives a due share of attention. In reference to the ground we took in 1870 regarding edicts of non-intercourse, viz., that although binding on lodges (or on our intercourse with lodges) it could not effect or proscribe the obligations, we owe to one another as individual Masons. Bro. Scot last year said that the edict extended to subordinate Lodges and their members, and that it was immaterial whether the words "and Masons" were or were not included in the resolution. We replied, maintaining our position, and in answer to that reply Bro. Scot now says (all that we ever asked him to say, because we hold the edict does and should prevent us from having intercourse with an interdicted Lodge or receiving them into our Lodges):

"We fully agree with our brother that it is 'beyond the power' of a Grand Lodge to enjoin upon any individual Mason 'a breach of the moral law, or the violation of a covenant made between him and his God.' But an edict of Masonic non-intercourse does neither. It simply suspends, for the time being, 'Masonic communication,' and does not interfere with the business and social relations of the two parties, or prevent the full exercise of that charity which our institution teaches us to practice toward our fellow-creatures. For this reason, we do not see that 'the simple story of the good Samaritan' has any more relevancy to the question at issue, than it has to the demonstration of a problem in Euclid. But as we are again referred to it, and as actions speak louder than words, we cite one instance to show that the lesson it teaches is not forgotten while the edict is obeyed. During the Franco-Prussian war, over sixty thousand dollars were raised in New Orleans to alleviate the distress existing in the French capital, *and means were found to forward the money.* To this fund the **Masons of Louisiana** contributed as liberally as any other class of their fellow-citizens—but owing to the edict of the Grand Lodge they subscribed as citizens and not as Masons. San Francisco contributed even more than New Orleans, and in New York and other cities of the Union, large amounts were raised for the same benevolent purpose, and under similar circumstances. If this can be called 'shutting up the bowels of compassion, tying the hands or tightening the pocket-strings of the good Samaritan,'—so be it."

We acknowledge that this was not shutting up the bowels of compassion, &c., and we think the "simple story of the good Samaritan" has fully as much to do with it as it has with "the demonstration of a problem in Euclid." Moreover it is about all we contend for—they did not do it as a Lodge or Lodges. To that extent the edict is effectual, but they *are* Masons and *members* of their respective Lodges, and *they did it*, and the edict did not or could not hinder them. We are sorry the good Samaritan does not shine so bright in italicising the words "and means were found, &c.;" but let

that go for what it is worth. Bro. Scot asks an explanation. Why, a declaration of non-intercourse with the Grand Orient of France, by the American Grand Lodges, should arouse our indignation, while a similar declaration against the brethren of Quebec by the Grand Lodge of Canada is regarded with complacency. We explain that our indignation is not aroused in the least by the declaration against the Grand Orient of France. And if there is any indignation in the matter at all, it is because of the *fuss* made about the jurisdiction of Louisiana by parties who look with complacency on a worse kind of invasion on the jurisdictional right of Grand Lodge of Canada. And also because of the equivocation displayed in attempting to answer the charge of France, anent "Religion, race and color"—"a flee which they ought to have let stick to the wa'," and to have held on simply to their jurisdictional claim. In the quotations from the Board of General Purposes we cannot see any equivocation, or anything bearing on the point at issue. Bro. Scot has a great deal to say on the Quebec question, but as Bro. Drummond has adopted the greater part of his remarks, we shall, to save repetition, briefly notice them under the caption of Maine.

Chartered Lodges, 140 ; U. D. 3 ; Members, 7,577.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary both re-elected.

#### MARYLAND.

Semi-Annual Communication was held on May 8th, 1871.

M. W. Bro. John H. Latrobe, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Jacob H. Medairy, Grand Secretary.

Session two days. Lodges represented 68. A great many special meetings were held during the year. The only business of several of them had reference to financial difficulties got into by the erection of their Temple, to which subject the Grand Master's address at the Semi-Annual Communication is chiefly devoted, we do not wish to follow

our sister through this maze, it would do her no good. Plunging headlong into debt seldom meets with much sympathy, and any good it is calculated to do to others is another warning "not to build a house until we count the cost," we have pleasure in announcing that the difficulties seem to be overcome, in testimony whereof we quote from the closing part of Grand Master's address.

"I have thought that the best return I could make for the honor you have conferred upon me, would be to state to you your condition, in plain unvarnished terms; to explain to you what has been done in the way of extricating the Grand Lodge from a dilemma as unfortunate as it was undignified, and to defer congratulations and disquisitions until the Grand Lodge—out of danger because it will be out of debt—can once more have no other thought than how best to illustrate its own most admirable antecedents in the practice of a charity as liberal as it is universal."

That this time will come he repeats that he doubts not. To hasten its arrival will be the duty henceforward of every Mason who regards the untarnished insignia of the order as "more ancient than the Gilded Fleece, more honorable than the Star and Garter."

The Annual Communication was held Nov. 20th, 1871.

The Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master being both absent R. W. Bro. L. A. C. Gerry, Senior Grand Warden, took the chair. Session three days. 72 Lodges represented.

The address from the Grand Master recapitulates the steps taken to meet financial difficulties, and states that none of the calculations on which these steps were predicated had fallen short. He notices the great masonic events of last half year, viz: the presence in Baltimore of the Grand Encampment of K. T. and Grand R. A. C. of the United States, to both of which Grand Lodge had granted the use of their Temple—Grand Master says "It would be an omission not to state here that there probably never was an assemblage of strangers in Baltimore whose

appearance was more imposing and whose bearing and conduct were more worthy of admiration."

But how true that "in the midst of life we are in death," for we find the Grand Master has to add that "the only untoward event connected with the great gathering was the death of one of the delegates Bro. Wm. M. Taylor a P. G. M. of Texas,—according to his request he was interred with masonic honors."

Following the death of the P. G. M. of Texas came the decease of their own P. G. M. Bro. John Coates, who was interred with masonic ceremonies by Grand Lodge, and the Lodge room draped in mourning thirty days.

Grand Lodge had in May last laid the corner stone of the State Institution for the Deaf and Dumb of Maryland.

Three dispensations had been granted for new Lodges.

The following remarks of Grand Master anent dispensations, although long for our report intended to be brief—we cannot forbear copying, believing them highly deserving of general attention. In the address the Grand Master is in "the third person" we hope we shall not be charged with a wrong if we put him in "the first person." He says:

"In regard to dispensations generally I have been obliged to decline granting them in many of the cases in which I have been applied to, and the present occasion is perhaps as fit as any other for me to say that I regard my power to dispense with the rules that experience has established for the government of the order to be so great that it should be exercised only after the most careful consideration. For instance it would have to be an extreme case indeed that would induce me to authorize more than one of the three degrees to be conferred at the same meeting of a Lodge, or without a previous examination and a satisfactory report of the proficiency of the candidate in the previous degree, nor would I willingly dispense with the residence required before a candidate could receive the first degree. In a word I would make admission into the order difficult rather than otherwise. It must not be regarded as a matter of course that an applicant for the privileges of the order need only apply in

order to become a mason. These should be regarded as a reward to the upright and true in all walks of life, I would were it possible have the outer world look upon the fact that a man was a Mason, as equivalent to an unquestionable certificate that he was a good citizen, punctual in all his dealings, moral in his conduct, and entitled to the esteem of all good men. I would urge upon the subordinate Lodges to be strict, very strict in their examinations into all the circumstances affecting the admission of candidates, not to be tempted by a desire for 'work' or by the wants of the Treasury. And I would especially urge upon them to require all reports upon the qualifications of candidates to be in writing and signed at least by a majority of the members of the committee; the reports to be carefully preserved on file among the archives of the Lodge, so that in the event of the party proving afterwards unworthy, it may be seen on whose report and responsibility he was admitted into the order."

The sum of \$3,456,62 had been raised for the sufferers by the fires in Chicago, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Lodges, 85; Master Masons, 5,335.

The report on Correspondence (by Bro. John S. Tyson,) has reference exclusively to foreign Grand Bodies to which we may refer at the end, if our report does not exceed our limits.

M. W. Bro. J. H. B. Latrobe, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro Jacob H. Medairy, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

#### MICHIGAN.

The Annual Communication convened at Detroit, Jan. 9th, 1872. M. W. Bro. John W. Champlin, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. James Fenton, Grand Secretary.

In session four days. Lodges represented, 294.

The Grand Master's address, extending to twenty-two pages, contains much that is valuable, and is methodically arranged. In his preamble he invokes the favor, and claims

the protection of the "Most High" and lectures his audience on fraternity, which he declares to be the "life-giving spirit of Free Masonry," and assures them that "nominal strength is not Masonic strength; that Masonic strength does not consist in numbers, but in unanimity, and that if Masonry is a *fraternity* it will defy the persecutions of the world, and, amid the mutations of time, stand firm as the everlasting hills." The sublime thoughts expressed in this preface prepare him for announcing, with appropriate feelings, the demise of M. W. Bro. William M. Fenton and R. W. Bro. Carlos G. Curtis, J. G. W. of Grand Lodge. And with the same spirit he comes down to the dreadful catastrophe of the Chicago fire, as well as the devastation in his own district by the "devouring element." Our readers have all heard so much of those appalling events that we need say nothing about them farther than that the Grand Master's remarks are full of true Masonic sympathy, and the great losses which he deplores are in a great measure counterbalanced when he refers to the ready, spontaneous and universal sympathy of all sects, all creeds, no sects and no creeds, all joining in coming forward to succor and help the distressed. He then narrates with gratitude the various sources from which relief had flowed.

Grand Lodge is then informed that the fifteen Lodges, to whom they granted charters last year had been constituted, four halls had been dedicated, and the corner stone of a M. E. Church at Northport had been laid.

We are somewhat tickled with one incident recorded. It appears that the city of Detroit built a new city hall, the corner stone of which was laid by Grand Lodge in 1868, and of which we of course heard long ago. It farther appears that Grand Lodge has a Grand Architect and that this favored brother happened to be the Architect of the said city hall, in virtue whereof Grand Lodge came into possession of said hall, and on 4th of July there was a grand Masonic display, crowned by a magnificent banquet

to Grand Lodge by the citizens, on delivering of the hall by Grand Lodge to the city authorities. We take it for granted that the delivery was *symbolical*, and we are sorry they have not given us the form, or told us what symbols were used, because we might get a Grand Architect; he might get a Job, and we might thereby come into possession of a valuable piece of property, and if we gained nothing else by it we might have a "gala day" at the execution of our quit claim deed, the consideration a grand banquet.

Seven dispensations for new Lodges had been granted, and three for conferring degrees. Nine decisions are reported. The first regards physical qualifications, and the following maims disqualify, viz.: A man blind on one eye, the other being good; a man who has lost three fingers and part of the fourth of his right hand; a man who has a knee joint which is only partially moveable, and who is not able to form a right angle therewith. One who has a stiff left knee, and a man whose left arm is stiff at the elbow.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. James Fenton, Grand Secretary, who is chairman of the Board, but not ex-officio as formerly. He reviews "the usual interchange of copies of Grand Lodge proceedings, as far as they have been received from Grand Lodges in correspondence with them." The report is comprised in 37 pages, and is consequently short as regards each Grand body. Canada for 1871 has a space allotted to her in proportion to others. We are sorry we overlooked the summing up of tables last year; we must look sharper next.

Balance in Treasurer's hand, \$10,937.07; Chartered Lodges, 306; one U. D.; Members, 33,996.

M. W. Bro. Henry Chamberlain, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. James Fenton, re-elected Grand Secretary.

## MISSISSIPPI.

The fifty-fourth Annual Communication commenced in the city of Holly Springs, Jan. 22nd, 1872. M. W. Bro. George R. Fearn, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. L. Power, Grand Secretary.

Session three days. Lodges represented, 213.

The Grand Master commences his address with the usual sentiments of condolence on the pleasure of meeting again at their sacred altars. And wisely adds :

“But while we indulge in this delightful interchange of Masonic thought and friendship around our common altar, let us not forget those of our “Mystic Circle” who have heretofore for so many years labored with us, so zealously and so effectively, but who will no more be seen among us forever.”

He refers to Bro. Giles M. Hillyer, P. G. M., and Bro Geo. H. Gray, Sonr., Grand Treasurer, paying to the memory of each a warm and respectful tribute, of praise. In reference to P. G. M. Hillyer, he says :

“While we mourn our sad bereavement, may we not forget the impressive lessons which death continually teaches us ; may we rather ever remember the beautiful words uttered by Bro. Hillyer, but one short year ago : ‘My brethren, the duty we owe the dead is performed. It remains that we who are alive should so live, and by our actions attend the coming of the Day of Fate, that we neither be surprised, nor leave our duties imperfect, nor our sins uncanceled, nor our persons unreconciled, nor our God unappeased ; but when our bodies in their turn descend to their graves, our souls may ascend to the regions of eternal light wherein is the Holy House of the Heavenly Temple of the Lord.’”

Speaking of the prosperity of our Order, he says :

“An examination of the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges reveals the fact that the general progress of our common institution is most satisfactory, and exerting a powerful influence for good, not only among those of its own circle, but upon society at large ; that, governed by

principles generally acknowledged and respected, Freemasonry is, by its silent teachings, doing no little towards elevating and ennobling our race."

In reference to the Quebec question, he says :

"The unhappy differences existing a year ago between the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec still remain. While some of the Grand Lodges on this continent uphold the course pursued by the Grand Lodge of Canada the large majority of them have recognized that of Quebec, and the indications are such as to induce the hope, that the day is not far distant when the vexed question now dividing them will be happily settled, and concord and harmony will reign universal among the Grand Jurisdictions of the New World."

And we may as well here as elsewhere introduce the report of the Committee to whom this part of Grand Master's address was referred :

"The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of the M. W. Grand Master in reference to the differences between the M. W. Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec, beg leave to report :

"That these Grand Lodges are sovereign and independent, and there is no arbiter to whom they may appeal. Advice from others might be officious. Your committee are satisfied that longer contention is not desired by either, and that these eminent and distinguished bodies, in a spirit of mutual concession and enlarged charity, will soon attain a settlement of all their difficulties, satisfactory to themselves and gratifying to all Masons of every clime."

The Grand Master gives a lengthened detail of his official acts, which are only of local interest ; a number of decisions are also given in accordance with their own constitution and by-laws. Sixteen Lodges, to whom Charters were granted last year had been constituted. Nine dispensations had been granted for new Lodges.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. A. H. Barkley. Forty American Grand Lodges and seven Foreign are reviewed, and amongst the latter Canada for 1871 is

fraternally noticed. The work is a careful and well-arranged digest of proceedings (without comment) of the grand bodies reviewed.

The financial affairs are somewhat embarrassed, but we trust they will soon get extricated. The finance committee recommend that delegates donate one-fourth of their mileage taking 15 cents instead of 20; that Grand Lodge fees for conferring degrees be raised from one to two dollars; and that the fee for membership be raised from 75 cents to one dollar.

The receipts for the year from all sources are \$12,462, which looks a large sum, but when \$7,401 are taken off to pay delegates and other necessary expenses, there is but a small balance left to cancel old debts.

There are 300 Lodges, including nine U. D. Total affiliated Master Masons, 11,488.

M. W. Bro. W. H. Hardy, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. L. Power, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### MISSOURI.

The fifty-first Annual Communication commenced at St. Louis, Oct. 10th, 1871. In session four days. M. W. Bro. Thomas Ellwood Garrett, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary. 206 Lodges represented.

The introductory part of Grand Master's address is full of kind and devotional feeling, setting forth Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice, and adds:

"All are not here who met in annual communication with us one year ago. I recall especially one absent brother who was honored by the Grand Lodge of Missouri as few are honored—who has spoken to us from this station, and whose life and labors in the Masonic field may well be held up as a shining example—Past Grand Master J. F. Houston. He is not among us to-day, and yet he is of us and with us, through

his history and his memory, which we cherish. No eulogy of him is required from me: it is already written in the records of the Lodge."

After a due eulogium to the departed brother, he says:

"We are making too many Masons, and are making them too fast. I would not exclude any good man from the order; but it is better even to risk doing this sometimes than admit those who can never be either useful or ornamental, and may bring disgrace upon the craft. We have three symbolical supports—Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. The material we use to perpetuate our institution should conform to at least one of these standards, and, if possible, be susceptible of such Masonic culture as will combine the three.

"Masons are too much in the habit of recommending their friends simply because they are their friends, or perhaps only casual acquaintances, and bear the reputation of 'good fellows.' They do not ask themselves, 'Will they make good Masons?' They do not reflect that their acquaintance would not warrant them in inviting these 'good fellows' into their family circle as visitors; and yet they unhesitatingly recommend them to become members of their Masonic family. They commit a wrong, not intentionally, but from want of thought. We all may be more or less subject to such reproach, and all will do well to ponder over this abuse, which can be so easily corrected.

"We get the 'good fellows' into the order, and what is often the result? What good do they do us, or we them? What becomes of them? Perhaps we never see them again; they did not find the gew-gaw they were looking for, and at once abandon the Lodge for more congenial associations. Perhaps, resolved to find a plaything, they make one of our solemn mysteries; or worse, use them for selfish and unholy purposes, thus bringing scandal on the order—and then we have to get the 'good fellows' out. That makes trouble in the family and no good whatever has been accomplished. We have sown the seed on barren ground, lost both it and the labor, and have also suffered some in the opinion of the world. Let us acknowledge the truth, and face it. Freemasonry is becoming too popular, and this very popularity is a foe to its stability to be feared, unless the current of favor is guided and controlled within legitimate bounds. It is threatened with a patronage which amounts to invasion. Its attractions are such that our

doors are besieged with the popular impulse to become Masons—not Master Masons only, for many of these outside admirers have already fixed their eyes, as they suppose, on a point far above the basement story. They merely want to pass through, and go up stairs and climb the steeple, if there is a steeple to climb.

“Should our plain and orderly apartments of ‘Three Degrees’ of Ancient Craft Masonry be used simply to minister to such aspirations as these? And yet such aspirants do get in, and pass through and climb. The worst of it is, they get through with very little knowledge of what they have seen and heard—so little indeed that they could not prove their claims as Masons away from home, and are seldom seen in the ‘Blue Lodge’ after. There is, however, one grain of comfort in connection with their thorough ignorance of Masonry; they could never divulge its secrets if they tried.”

Forty-two decisions are reported, to copy which would take over 30 pages of our report, which we cannot afford, neither is it necessary, because there is nothing particularly foreign in the questions propounded, nor anything uncommon in the conclusions arrived at; but they are interesting inasmuch as they are argumentative, and contain the *cons* and *pros* which at different times have been adduced for and against them.

Dispensations had been granted for 30 new lodges. These, together with 11 dispensations renewed and 10 granted by Grand Lodge at last Communication, make 51 in all at work U. D. A large amount of business is reported in laying of corner stones, dispensations for different purposes, and other things of a purely local character. Reports had been received from 39 D. D. G. M.'s, which evince that the order all over the jurisdiction is enjoying a good degree of prosperity.

One thousand dollars from Grand Lodge funds was forthwith forwarded to the sufferers in Chicago, and arrangements made for collecting a farther sum from the subordinate Lodges.

The report on Correspondence is, as usual, by Bro. Geo. F.

Gouley. (154 pp. small type). Forty-three American and Canadian Grand Lodges, and 16 European Grand Bodies are reviewed in Bro. Gouley's own style; full of extracts that are important, and abounding in criticisms and practical jurisprudence. Canada and Quebec are taken together, and Grand Lodge sovereignty upheld to the last. He says the Grand Lodge of Missouri has laid down for her own guidance the following law:

"When a Grand Lodge is once established, and its jurisdictional limits once confirmed over the territory assigned it, it cannot be curtailed by any civil power, nor can its supremacy be infringed upon by other Grand Lodges, and its territory and power can only be altered by its own action in Grand Lodge assembled.

"On this law we propose to defend the Grand Lodge of Canada against the usurpation of the schismatics of Quebec for all time to come, until the Grand Lodge of Canada shall in regular form, set apart that territory and grant it to the now so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec.

"The argument that a large number of States have recognized Quebec does not weigh one feather with your committee; it amounts to just nothing. If the whole world recognizes an error, we will not endorse it on that account. We were once called upon to endorse a petition because the leading men of this city had done so; we refused because we knew the party was not worthy; we were condemned by his friends, and we replied: 'We would not indorse him if the whole city of St. Louis did,' and the same fellow is now serving out a term in the Penitentiary, and his endorsers have paid thousands of dollars for their 'sympathy.' We do not propose to recommend to the Grand Lodge of Missouri a recognition of Quebec from, either sympathy or because others have endorsed her; we intend to stand upon solid principles, and are prepared to furnish the Grand Lodge any and all documents as evidence to show and prove that of all the gigantic violations of Grand Lodge sovereignty, and the crushing out of all Grand Lodge courtesies, amenities and international rights, this recognition of Quebec is the most flagrant of any that has occurred in any age.

"Over the prostrate form of Grand Lodge sovereignty, and on which the perpetuity of Freemasonry depends (especially

in this age of agrarianism) we bend sadly over the annihilated Grand Jurisdiction of Canada.

"A year or so ago she stood in the beautiful garments of calm, just and perfect equality with all her sisters. She was perfect in her form, and robed in the habiliments of peace and prosperity. Afterward came the despoiler, and attempted to ravish her of the bright jewel of sovereignty; startled, and with fear, she issued her appeal under seal to all those who had extended her their smiles of recognition in years gone by, and certified her protest against the wrong attempted. But, alas! instead of aid from those on whom she had a Masonic right to rely, she received blow after blow, added to the insults of her own children.

"She cried aloud that it was not for herself she appealed, but for the virtue of all her sisters; their sovereignty and their honor represented in her own outraged person. Missouri was the first to spring to her side, comfort and help her, and plead with others. She stands there to-day, and now in the name of our Grand Lodge that has withstood the storms of over half a century, and against whom not one single act of public wrong against the fraternity can be charged, we yet appeal for the sovereignty of Grand Lodge jurisdiction in the case of Canada.

"We appeal to every Grand Lodge of the world to stop for a moment; pause and reflect. There is an issue in all this that subjects Grand Lodges to the will of politics, legislatures and the mob. Are you willing to accept it? You answer 'No'—but you have done it. Are you willing to acknowledge a wrong and Masonically make it right? We await your reply."

A mourning page is set apart sacred to the memory of Grand Lodge sovereignty, murdered by the rebellious Masons of the Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, Oct. 20th, 1869.

We may state that Bro. Gouley's report contains the most full and impartial view of this case that we have yet seen in print. The arguments on both sides are fairly and honestly given, and with this remark we must quit giving more extracts.

In the appendix to this volume we have the account of the "Reporter's Convention" at Baltimore, Sept. 18th, 1871.

The reporters on Foreign Correspondence from thirty-one jurisdictions were present. Canada was represented by Bro. Robert Ramsay, Orillia, and Henry Robertson, Collingwood. Bro. Drummond, of Maine, was appointed Chairman, and Bro. Corson, New Jersey, Secretary. The whole proceedings put together make a great "budget of fun." The conclusion of the whole matter was that Bro. Corson was crowned Poet Laureate of the Masonic craft. Bro. Gouley says this is no part of report on correspondence, and is charged to himself and not to the Grand Lodge, so we must leave it, and return to Grand Lodge to close our report on that behalf, and of finances we find balance in Grand Treasurer's hands, \$7,868.26.

STATISTICS.—Lodges working under charter, 408; Membership, 20,679.

OFFICERS.—We are told in a note that for the first time since the organization of Grand Lodge—1821—all the officers were re-elected.

M. W. Bro. Thomas Ellwood Garrett, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. George Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary.

#### MAINE.

The Annual Communication commenced in Portland on May 7th, 1872. Session three days. 159 Lodges (all on the roll) represented.

M. W. Bro. John H. Lynde, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

From Grand Master's address we quote the following:

"We are to enact such wholesome regulations as will tend to promote the interests of the craft in this jurisdiction, and the fact that our action cannot fail to affect our brethren in other localities should solemnly impress us with the importance of this convention. We could not live entirely to ourselves if we would, and we would not if we

could; for we are taught to do good unto all men, more especially to the household of the faithful. Confined to no narrow national or sectional limits, we are members of one universal brotherhood, and all our actions should be such as will not only be beneficial to ourselves but to every other member of this great Masonic family. \* \* Since our last assemblage the grim angel of Death has placed his icy fingers upon two of our beloved number: Grand Master Abner B. Thompson, full of years and honors; the other R. W. Bro. Edward E. Wiggin, in the very flush of manhood, when to human eyes a brilliant career of usefulness had just opened to him."

Eight dispensations had been granted for new Lodges. Seven for electing officers, and one for conferring degrees in less time than four weeks. Six new Masonic Halls had been dedicated and one corner stone laid. A circular from Grand Lodge of Louisiana received on the "must-do doctrine" laid down by Grand Master Todd at last Annual Communication, and which we have noticed in our remarks on that Grand Lodge. We find in the proceedings that said circular was "laid on the shelf" until next Annual Communication.

The new Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Utah were recognized.

On the afternoon of the second day of the session, the three degrees were conferred on three *veritable* candidates. The D. D. G. M.'s of the 19 districts gave reports, which as a whole are gratifying. That there should be no exceptions in a jurisdiction so large is more than we have any right to expect.

Funds on hand available for charity, \$1,383.70. Balance in hands of Treasurer, \$138.07. Lodges chartered, 159. U. D., 10. Members, 16,358.

M. W. Bro. David Cargill, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Ira Berry, re-elected Grand Secretary.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Drummond as usual, and extends to 120 pp., small type. Forty-five Grand Lodges are reviewed; some of them for two years. He says in his preamble that the report is longer than ever before, for two reasons: One of which is the space given to the Quebec question, as our report of 1870 was the first extended discussion of that question published. It was naturally the text-book for others, especially those holding the opposite doctrine. We deemed it our duty to vindicate," &c.

This short extract will tell that Canada is included. He briefly runs over Grand Master Stevenson's remarks, and says:

"He enumerated five methods as a remedy for the 'undesirable state of things,' but does not include the very simple one of recognizing the Grand Lodge of Quebec."

No; Grand Master Stevenson has more patriotism than to do any such thing. We are much obliged to our warm-hearted brother for his kind wishes as to our own health and are happy to assure him we are well, and were quite free of the affliction he speaks of when we wrote last year. As regards our opinion about objecting to a visitor, he says:

"Well, as long as what either of us thinks about it does not change the law, it is of little consequence."

We do not know what law he means. One of our *thinks* is that if a member cherish in his heart so much *secret* malignity towards a brother that his entry to the Lodge would unseat him, he, the malignant brother, has no right to be there. "If thou bringest thy gift to the altar and there rememberest," etc., etc.

He backs out of his position on the subject of non-intercourse, and twists it around to clandestine Masons. We never did, and hope never shall, urge a word in favor of Masonic intercourse with clandestine Lodges or Masons. We believe an interdict of such intercourse by a Grand

Lodge would be an act of supererogation, but if Bro. Drummond means that an edict of non-intercourse by a Grand Lodge against any other Grand Lodge does in and of itself make such other Grand Lodge clandestine, we not only deny it, but say that no man in his senses would assert it.

On the remark of Grand Master Lynde last year to the effect that if the Grand Lodge of Canada persists in maintaining her ground in Quebec, there cannot be a doubt etc., Bro. Drummond says we construed this into a threat. It is true we did, and if *bile* was the cause of our doing so, Bro. Welford, Virginia, and Bro. Dawkins, Florida, as well as several other eminent brethren with whom we have come in contact, have all been bilious too, and the would-be-Grand Master of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec worse than any of us. Taking up Grand Master Lynde's key, he (Grand Master of Quebec) says :

"The principal officers of some of the most influential Grand Lodges which have recognized the Grand Lodge of Quebec, have been seriously considering whether the Grand Lodge of Canada was longer entitled to fraternal recognition and support."

And more than this he says he has used his best endeavors "to have any such action anent the Grand Lodge of Canada *deferred a little longer at least.*" Perhaps we are entitled to take Bro. Drummond's recantation for Grand Master Lynde, and suppose that Bro. Graham has been raving.

Bro. Drummond says we "still insist that a regular body recognizing a clandestine body heals the latter rather than polutes the former," yes brother, *much rather, very much rather*, and hold our former averments as repeated *brevitatis causa*.

We are sorry our quotation from Nevada last year should have thrown our brother off his *equilibrium*, we did not say who put the titles there, but took the paragraph as it was, which reads thus :

"Since the above was written an advance copy of the able and learned report to the Grand Lodge of Maine of M. Ill. and M. W. Bro. J. H. Drummond, P. G. M. and chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence has been received, etc."

In order to shorten our report as much as possible we abridged it thus :

"An advance copy of the report of Bro. Drummond of Maine is on hand, and in order to give it weight we suppose, the author is introduced with so many names and titles that we can only afford space to give the initials." If Bro. Drummond supposes that we meant any personal disrespect for him, he is quite mistaken; on the contrary we considered that whoever put the titles there, was fooling him.

If he had been a new luminary it might have been justifiable, but to introduce Bro. Drummond to the masonic world with such a "flourish of trumpets" we considered an absurdity. We are sorry for our mistake in saying "*some* of the titles, etc.," instead of *one*, we had perhaps forgotten our nursery numeration table at the time "one is none, two are some, etc.," but as our brother has kindly recommended us to the sympathy of the Craft for the mistake, we hope it will be accorded.

In the attempt to establish the Grand Lodge of Quebec the plea set up for her was that she was a *sovereign independent State or Province*, like the States of America. This was the *alpha* and *omega* of the Quebec pamphlet. Garbled quotations from the imperial act of confederation were profusely made in support of the doctrine, and the plea defended by Bro. J. H. Drummond in what he admits to be the *first extended discussion of the question published*.

We quoted from the address of Grand Master Gardner at the (then) last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, showing what the "American doctrine of Grand Lodge jurisdiction is," and we have shown that in accordance with that doctrine, Quebec has not the shadow of a claim.

Bro. Drummond tries to *bridge* over the difficulty by referring to the American Constitution, which he assumes we have never read. That the States are *not absolutely independent*, and that every case in which the doctrine has been applied has been one of *qualified* independence in which the State was subject to a superior law. But this is not so; the masonic organization dates farther back than the constitution; Grand Master Gardner tells us in the passages we quoted that when the "doctrine" was fixed, "the idea of a permanent Union of the States had hardly been broached," that the States were independent of each other.

"Isolated from all the world, they each stood forth free independent sovereign States," and whence the superior law? Merely the sovereign States vesting and concentrating in congress certain powers of administering that sovereignty for the mutual benefit of all, but which did not, nor could not affect the masonic organization—as such—in any manner of way; and as bearing on this, we would again quote from Grand Master Pratt's address of last year as follows:

"It (the Quebec Parliament) exercises such powers only as are delegated to it by the sovereign, instead of as is the case in our State Government, exercising all the powers of sovereignty, *except such as it has delegated to another*. In contrasting the sovereignty of the States with the powers delegated to Quebec, we were forced to the conclusion that Great Britain with all her territories is only one sovereign independent State, Bro. Drummond, says—what he dare not deny—that we are right, and that the argument would have force if Quebec was a new case, but that it was otherwise settled before the Grand Lodge of Quebec was dreamed of, and the GRAND LODGE OF CANADA GAVE THE OCCASION FOR THUS SETTLING IT, hence we see the sandy foundation of sovereign independence has slidden away, the superstructure raised thereon vanished in air, the West Virginia over again yell silenced, and Bro. Drummond's string of alleged precedents all inapplicable and as the whole now rests on the foundation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, we have to examine what foothold Quebec has on that score. It might be premised that in 1855 Canadian Masons had grievances sufficient to arouse the sympathy of the masonic world, in their favor—grievances, perhaps unparalleled in the masonic

history of any country, grievances to which (nor to any other grievance) Quebec has never dared to lay claim, but let all these be laid aside, excepting as a caution to those who *twit* us with rebellion in 1855."

Bro. Drummond, gives the following quotation from the committee of Massachusetts in 1867:

"The precedent (formation of Grand Lodge of Canada) was thus established by these mother Grand Lodges, treating these organized colonies of the empire as being so far independent States as to justify the existence of a local Grand Lodge, when formed under due and lawful authority. Your committee are not opposed to these precedents which establish the various colonial provinces of Great Britain, as so far nationalities as to be entitled in due time to separate Grand Lodges."

If Bro. Drummond, thinks there is any warrant here for the course pursued by Quebec, we think it is exactly the other way. What the quotation plainly says is, that the precedent of the Grand Lodge of Canada was established by the mother Grand Lodges, (England and Scotland,) treating these organized colonies of the Empire so far independent States, as to justify the existence of a Grand Lodge when formed under due and lawful authority, that is, *with consent of the mother Grand Lodges*, and the mother Grand Lodges having so settled it in the case of Canada, we, the committee, have no objections to recognize it, although these colonies are not sovereign independent States. Such was the "deliverance" of the committee on the part of Grand Masters address, that referred to the claim of Nova Scotia, which Massachusetts refused to recognize, because England and Scotland had not, and because the Lodges in the province were *not unanimous*. In the next year's address of Grand Master, he says:

"I am not aware that any change has taken place in the condition of the so-called Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, or that the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to which the recusant Lodges comprising it, owe allegiance, has taken any other action on the subject than to decree the suspension of their members from the privileges of Masonry."

And in the same address, the Grand Master, after noticing that measures had been taken in New Brunswick to form a Grand Lodge, says :

"Negotiations having that end in view are now pending before the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland. This I regard as a step in the right direction, both legitimate and lawful, and I cannot doubt that the wishes of the petitioners will be favorably entertained by the parent Bodies."

Such is the doctrine of Massachusetts, and what Bro. D. sees in it to suit his Quebec views is a puzzler to us. It may do very well to garble a few words out of a sentence, as he has done in the extract from the committee, and as he does in the following. At page 560 in his report, he gives a synopsis of the condition of the Grand Lodges as regards Quebec, and says, "Massachusetts has decided that the Lodges in Quebec *had the right* to form a Grand Lodge," but like an 'artful dodger,' forgets to add "WITH CONSENT OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA. He wants us to believe that the reason of not recognizing Quebec by Massachusetts is because they are not certain that a majority of the Lodges in the Province had concurred in the action." Even if that were correct, it shows that they do not consider Quebec independent enough for acting on the "American doctrine" of three Lodges forming a Grand Lodge ; but it would be more like the truth to say, "because they *are certain* that the Lodges in the Province are not unanimous." Massachusetts holds that unanimity is necessary, which we think is a correct view, because when no change of sovereignty or political allegiance has taken place, as always does take place in forming new States and organized territories in the United States. It is most unreasonable and unjust to compel a Lodge to change her masonic allegiance, and hence the formation of a Grand Lodge without the consent of the Mother Lodge would have another "sting in its tail," that of tyrannically over-ruling the free will of the brethren, an act which we think true masonry does not recognize. But as regards the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada we would further notice that at the date of formation (1855)

the two Provinces—Canada East and Canada West—had their geographical limits and political boundaries as distinctly marked; their laws, courts, schools, customs, municipal affairs and internal governments as distinct and separate, all as they ever were or are at the present day. The Masons of these two distinct and separate Provinces, covenanted, contracted and agreed together to form the Grand Lodge of Canada, and did form it, and, as Bro. Drummond says (correctly this time we think), it was expressly stipulated between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Canada that Nova Scotia and New Brunswick should not come into the union with the other two Provinces. We would ask every brother who is unprejudiced and under the guidance of truth and soberness to tell us, how, why, or from whence the right or the power of any one of the contracting parties to *resil* without the consent of the other? No change has taken place of geographical limits or political boundaries—no new territory created—no change of sovereignty—no change of allegiance and no change of government, only that the state has been pleased to make a slight alteration in the mode of administering it; and which it may alter any day when it thinks proper. Surely masonic covenants and contracts are as binding as those of other people. One American Grand Master when speaking on the same subject last year remarked—in substance—that the attempt of certain states to withdraw from the Union, without the consent of the others, *had deluged the Country in Blood*. Bro. Drummond “remarks in passing,” (casting a lingering look, we suppose, after the plea of sovereign independence), “that some two-thirds of the articles enumerated by us in which the Parliament of Canada has exclusive jurisdiction, are in the United States, within the exclusive jurisdiction of Congress,” perhaps it may be so, we never were at the trouble to count, because it has nothing to do with the case; these matters were *given* to Congress by the sovereignty of the States; Quebec never had them to give—and what about the remaining *third* brother? We are told that we

have forgotten to notice or allude to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, "thus admitting the inability to break their force." We make no such admission; If Bro. D. means their recognition by Canada, the fact is that we see no force in them to break. These Colonies had at least—some of the grievances we had in 1855. Bro. D. knows that by our agreement with the Grand Lodge of England, they were precluded from joining with us *and* we cannot imagine any good grounds that Grand Lodge of Canada could have urged to refuse them recognition and far less can we see how their creation should dissolve the union between the brethren of Quebec and Ontario, or affect the Grand Lodge of Canada in any manner of way. There is one thing that we contend and firmly hold with regard to said two Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and that is, that if they had joined covenanted, contracted and agreed with the other two provinces to form the Grand Lodge of Canada, nothing whatever has transpired that would warrant or authorize any one of said Provinces to *back out* without the consent of the others. If this is correct, it surely settles the pretensions of Quebec. Bro. D. says we have called attention to a mistake he made in saying that our *East* was located in Ontario, and that he (Bro. D.) "was determined to stick to it." We assure him that neither "*bile*" nor *toothache* made us say so, but the simple fact, that in laying down the plan adopted on the division of territory he said "the old Lodge retains the division in which her East is located," and this in conjunction with a former statement that our East was located in Ontario, led us to infer that he meant *what he now plainly says*, that we should be limited to Ontario, we said last year what we now repeat, that Georgia and Indiana had been led to the same mistake by *somebody*, and Bro. Drummond can guess by whom.

Bro. Drummond tells us that nearly all the Grand Lodges of America recognized Canada before England did, but *all* did not, and—as Bro. Welford has said in answer to the same assertion, anent West Virginia—all would not have

done it until the "crack o' doom" if England had not. Much has been said, and is still tried to be made of conversation relative to the position of Grand Lodge at—or about the time of confederation, but which all goes for nothing, we have no one member in *this* jurisdiction who carries Grand Lodge in "the crown of his hat," and besides as we said to Nova Scotia last year—no member ever meant or contemplated that Quebec was to retire under the standard of rebellion. We quote the following from Bro. Drummond's remarks on civil law, "he (Bro. Mitchell) says that whether the doctrine, that the masonic law is affected by the civil law grew in Quebec or in Portland he cannot tell nor is it of much importance, it is new. If a doctrine nearly a hundred years old can be called *new*, this can. It *did not* originate in Quebec, but it may have grown in Portland in 1776 along with those doctrines in relation to civil laws that were then as unpalatable to Bro. Mitchell's forefathers, as these masonic doctrines are to him now." We sincerely pity our brother that he should so far forget himself as to introduce politics on a masonic platform. Whatever his or our forefathers thought of the transactions of 1776, is a matter with which the present generation has nothing to do. All the rancours and animosities which we may naturally suppose to have existed at the time are happily forgotten politically by the two great nations interested and buried in the graves of our forefathers, who acted them, and we think it is a little *off the line* to seek to rake them up in a masonic discussion. We have in the above paragraph an indirect claim to, at least, a share in the authorship of the Quebec pamphlet, and also an insinuation that masonry was made subservient to the civil law by the American revolution, a result which we think few will be inclined to believe. But apart from all this, Bro. Drummond's learned disquisition (*alias* puddle of inconsistencies) on the "joint operation of masonic and civil law," has no practical bearing. We have heard of no law in the United States that could prevent all the Grand Lodges of the Union from a strict conformity of doctrine, discipline, precept and practice;

where discrepancies exist we believe they emanate from the free sovereign will of the Grand Lodges themselves, and not from any outside interference, and we deny the existence of any law, civil, sacred, moral or masonic, that compels, enjoins or requires the Grand Lodge of Canada to change her name or relinquish her territory simply because the State has changed the names of two Canadian Provinces. There might be a possibility perhaps of two sovereign independent States enacting antagonistic laws, but there is no such possibility in Ontario and Quebec. We may tell Bro. Drummond and his Quebec protegee for the 119th time, that there has been no change of sovereignty, and consequently there can be no antagonism in the laws affecting the rights and liberties of the subject.

We referred last year to the case of West Virginia, and said "*when* Quebec will follow her example remains to be seen." Bro. Drummond says:

"We venture to suggest that she may do so *when Canada follows the example of Virginia*. Quebec has thus far followed strictly the example of West Virginia, but Canada, unlike Virginia, has met her with the sword. West Virginia asserted and maintained her position till Virginia determined to recognize her, when she was satisfied a majority of the Lodges in West Virginia were in allegiance to the new Grand Lodge, and when their arrears of dues should be paid; suppose Canada had adopted the same course as Virginia did instead of resorting to the sword. Suppose that instead of complicating affairs by creating duplicate Lodges in violation of every principle of masonic law, she had opened the door Virginia did, does any sane man doubt that she would have been met in a like spirit, and this whole controversy avoided? Bro. M. you can scarcely expect one to meet you with the olive branch in one hand and the trowel in the other, whom you are at the same time attacking with all your might with the sword in one hand and the dagger, 'with envenomed point' in the other."

There is one point in the above that Bro. Drummond

may keep himself easy about, when Canada admits that the creation of the duplicate Lodges was a violation of every or any principle of masonic law, it will be some day when the sun rises in the West, Bro. Drummond can therefore keep on the lookout, because both events will happen about the same time. He forgets that we have not ceded the territory as yet: and it is a very unreasonable thing to expect that we are tacitly to acknowledge the claim of a usurper as *just* and *right*.

As to blabbing about *swords* and *daggers* and *shut doors* on the side of Canada, the allegations are so utterly false that they are unworthy of notice, the proceedings of both parties are before the masonic world who can judge how far those charges are true.

We have in *plain print* from Quebec herself that she reared her Temple with the "sword in one hand and the trowel in the other" conscious that she was working under the standard of rebellion, and verifying the saying that "conscience makes cowards of us all," for Canada never gave her any occasion to unsheath the sword.

West Virginia had some reasonable pretext by American precedents, in as much as a new territory had been created, but for all that she took the initiative in seeking reconciliation at the proper source, and *ratified the acts of her committee in their arrangements*, even although all the Lodges of the new territory inclined to hold of the old mother were left intact, and although twelve Lodges hold of Virginia at the present day, yet universal concord and harmony prevail,—but mark the contrast—Canada sought after Quebec with an olive branch, and was treated with scorn, and the protocol of her own (Quebec's) committee treated with contempt.

We are told that Bro. Drummond addressed the so-called Grand Lodge. We are not told what he said, but considering the above paragraph and considering also that he is the chief superintendent of the Quebec forces—we need not be surprised that the peace negotiations failed.

We find in Bro. Drummond's remarks under Quebec the most unwarrantable attack on Grand Master Stevenson, and a gross insult to the Grand Lodge of Canada, in reference to the duplicate Lodges, he says :

"It is alleged and we are satisfied that in many cases the allegation is true, that the Grand Master of Canada made efforts to induce members of Lodges which had given in their adherence to Quebec to apply for a duplicate charter with the same name and number of the old Lodge, that in such cases he granted a dispensation which was followed by the issue of a duplicate Warrant from Grand Lodge etc."

We contend that Grand Lodge of Canada is the sole judge in the granting of Charters or Duplicates in her own jurisdiction independent of Bro. Drummond or any one else. As to the allegations against Grand Master Stevenson, we fear that all that Bro. Drummond has sought to satisfy him that "in many cases" the allegation is true, has been the hearsay of some Quebec gossip. If the zeal of our Brother on the side of Quebec had not "eaten him up" and if he had the least inclination to search after truth, he could perhaps have learned that a few renegade brethren robbed the Lodge of their charter, and so long as a constitutional number were willing to retain it, neither Grand Master Stevenson nor Grand Lodge could refuse a duplicate of the same name and number, unless they were to sacrifice every principle of honor.

As a proof of what outsiders think of the case, we extract the following from Bro. Dawkins of Florida in reference to resolutions of Grand Lodge of Canada last year. He says :

"Proposals for adjustment *which seem to us to be more than just*, have been tendered on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Canada and refused by the Quebec organization, and the fact that a majority of the Grand Lodges of the United States have recognized Quebec has evidently incited her to assume a strong and defiant position against the Grand Lodge of Canada."

As being something very like a transcript of Bro.

Drummond's fulminating paragraph above copied, we extract the following from Grand Master Lynde's address :

"The Session (Quebec) was one of peculiar interest on account of the unfortunate relation with the Grand Lodge in the neighbouring Province of Ontario, and I take pleasure in informing you that the Grand Lodge of Quebec treated the exciting question in an exceedingly prudent and temperate manner. *Considering all the aggravating circumstances*, our Quebec brethren displayed a most conciliatory and fraternal spirit, and deserve the thanks of American Masons for their *forbearance*."

The italicising in the above is ours, Grand Master Lynde has forgotten that we are not yet shut in to *the neighbouring Province of Ontario*, perhaps his memory will be resuscitated if he should hear that our next Annual Communication will be held in the City of Montreal.

The *aggravating circumstances*, he may have picked up from Bro. Drummond's address. Where he saw the "conciliatory and fraternal spirit displayed," he knows best himself. What steps were taken to "deserve the thanks of American Masons," our American brethren will have to find out for themselves from the proceedings before them, as the Grand Master has not told us, and another thing he has not told us which we much regret—namely—*what* Quebec could do if she withheld, what he calls her "*forbearance*."

The resolution of Grand Lodge of Canada, we need not copy, as it is in the proceedings of last year at page 860—which we think is all that could be expected of Canada. In virtue of this resolution, the loyal lodges in Quebec and the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, each appointed a Committee to form a basis of union. The Committee met and acted harmoniously, various proposals no doubt were made—as is the case in all such meetings, but finally the Committee of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, prepared a protocol including *all they asked or wanted*, and the Canada Committee agreed to *every iota demanded*, each Committee binding itself to recommend to their respective Grand Lodges

the adoption of the protocol as so settled upon; and more than this, we are advised that Grand Master Graham was cognizant of all the transactions of said Committees, he received the final protocol and as he was bound by the Constitution, handed it over to the Board of General Purposes to be (through them) brought before Grand Lodge.

It is true that "words are but wind," but from the language of Bro. Graham we are led to believe that he was also satisfied, but oh! poor Quebec dupes; the "Commander-in-chief had not been consulted. We do not know whether Bro. Drummond did not want this protocol brought before Grand Lodge or otherwise, but he tells us himself that this (precipitous?) Board of General Purposes had resolved to put the protocol before Grand Lodge BEFORE HE ARRIVED IN MONTREAL. The Protocol apart from technical phraseology, reads thus:

"Whereas unhappily differences and disputes have arisen and are now existing in Masonry between the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the several Lodges in the Province still holding under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge of Canada.

"And whereas with a view to terminate and forever end said differences and to restore peace and harmony throughout the Craft in the said Province, the Lodges holding of Grand Lodge of Canada are willing to amalgamate and join with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the Grand Lodge of Quebec is willing to accept said Lodges into their organization the same as if they—the said Lodges—had originally taken part in said organization.

"And it is agreed by both parties that all questions, viz., names of Lodges, distribution of property in the case of duplicate Lodges, and priority of numbers in the case of all Lodges shall be left entirely to a Committee of six, three to be named by each party, with power to said Committee to appoint an arbitrator and the decision of said Committee and umpire to be final.

"And the Committee representing the Grand Lodge of Quebec agree to submit the above terms for the acceptance of their Grand Lodge; and the Committee representing the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada hereby agree to recommend the above terms, etc., etc."

This in due time came before Grand Lodge, how Bro. Drummond employed his time from his arrival in Montreal, to the bringing in of the protocol, we have no information, but the protocol of their own Committee was met with an amendment not with a sword and a dagger only, but with a shower of "*pitchforks and marlin spikes downwards*" on Grand Lodge of Canada; we give the substance of this amendment in brief:

"Whereas the Grand Lodge of Quebec has been for the last two years the supreme masonic authority in and for the Province of Quebec, and has been recognized as such by 23 sovereign masonic bodies, and that Canada has invaded her territories etc., therefore be it

"*Resolved*,—1. That this Grand Lodge reassert her authority over the Province of Quebec.

"2. That no communication will be held with Grand Lodge of Canada until she withdraws from the jurisdiction and recognizes the supremacy of Grand Lodge of Quebec.

"3. That all acts of Canada in formation of Lodges in Quebec since 20th Oct., 1869, are illegal and the Lodges formed clandestine.

"4. That all the Lodges holding of Grand Lodge of Canada in existence prior to 20th Oct. 1869, be invited to affiliate with Quebec.

"5. That Grand Master shall issue a proclamation of suspension of all Lodges in the Province who shall refuse to recognize the supremacy of Grand Lodge of Quebec.

"6. That this Grand Lodge will receive, and issue new warrants to the duplicate Lodges, provided the rights of Lodges already recognized be not infringed upon.

"7. That the foregoing be communicated to the Grand bodies in fraternal communication with this Grand Lodge requesting them (amongst other things) to suspend communication with Grand Lodge of Canada until she withdraws from the jurisdiction."

This is Grand Master Lynde's *conciliatory and fraternal spirit*, and Bro. Drummond's *Olive Branch*. But this amendment had been got up unadvisedly. The clause which we have numbered 2, puts a dead lock on all further peace negotiations, by shutting out all intercourse with Canada,

Three declares the duplicate Lodges clandestine, but notwithstanding that, No. 6 says they will take them in.

This, according to Bro. Drummond's doctrine—even if Quebec were immaculate—would make her clandestine also.

The 7th is requesting "a little too much," and assuming a supremacy not warranted by her feeble existence, viz :

That the 23 Grand Lodges who have recognized her, foreclose intercourse with Canada. Seeing all this we do not wonder that some "*visiting brother*" (name not given) could sit it no longer, *but started to his feet* and requested leave to address the meeting which was granted, the result of which was—that time was given to *remodel* the amendment, not to render it less vituperous or more conciliatory towards Canada, but to make it less inconsistent, and a little within bounds as far as Quebec was concerned.

This vicious document, so tinkered we are given to understand, was supported by 47 yeas, against 4 nays.

Bro. Drummond has quoted and adopted the views of Bro. Scot, Louisiana, and as the result of the failure of the peace negotiations arrives at the following conclusions :

1. The Grand Lodge of Canada never exercised supreme and exclusive jurisdiction over the Province of Quebec.
2. The Grand Lodge of Quebec was regularly formed.

We think we can show as much sophistry in the above as in some others of Bro. Drummond's conclusions. We find the following from his pen, under Florida, which we think fully meets both the above assertions :

"The Grand Lodge of Canada was recognized at the time the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland exercised concurrent, but together *exclusive*, jurisdiction in the territory. No other Grand Lodge could plant a Lodge there. \* \* \* Under these circumstances the principle is the same as if one Grand Lodge was exercising exclusive jurisdiction there."

Now the first part of the above may do to send down south to Florida, but it will not tell in this latitude. It is a fact, and a fact that we think Bro. Drummond knows too, that at and previous to 1855 there was no such thing in these Provinces as *concurrent jurisdiction*. It is not probable that American Grand Lodges would have rashly planted Lodges in British territory, and still less probable that British subjects, already members of British Lodges, would ask them, but there is no Masonic law that could have hindered Maine, or any other American Grand Lodge from planting Lodges there. The Provinces were at that time what is called, by the American rule at least, unoccupied territory, although we think common territory would be nearer the mark. After the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, some of the old Lodges were permitted to remain intact, and that perhaps might be called concurrent jurisdiction, but it was a concurrence that vested the absolute sovereignty in Canada. The consent was of her own free, sovereign will, with a condition that the mother Grand Lodges should plant no more Lodges in the territory.

We do not see the use of so much bombast about absolute sovereignty over a certain Jurisdiction; it being a doctrine which all admit, and it is idle talk to lecture Canada about it, considering that it is the *beginning* and the *end* and the *middle* of the very principle for which she is contending. When concurrence is given to certain Lodges to work under their old charters by the free sovereign will of the Grantors, her absolute sovereignty is not interrupted, and we hold that when such is the case outsiders have [no] more right to interfere with it, than an outsider has to interfere with our private family arrangements. It is nothing less than farcical for Bro. Drummond to have recognized Canada for 15 years as having Sovereign Jurisdiction in these territories, and now turn round and say that she *never had it*, we think it is a great sacrifice of principle, for the paltry reward of getting command of a rebel army. But to return—call the grant to the old Lodges concurrent Jurisdiction if you choose,

keeping in view—as we have stated that the sovereignty was vested in Canada. Bro. Drummond says in the passage we have already quoted “that under these circumstances the principle is the same *as if one Grand Lodge was exercising absolute Jurisdiction there.*” Whence then comes it to pass that “Quebec is a regularly formed Grand Lodge” while boldly attempting to usurp this “exclusive Jurisdiction.”

After the conclusion to which we have referred, Bro. Drummond rants away about reconsidering the “Stevenson resolution” accepting the olive branch of peace, and so on, to all of which we shall reply in a short sentence.

We solemnly, honestly and conscientiously hold that the course pursued by the Quebec brethren is one of unqualified Rebellion and Revolution without one complaint of oppression, a Breach of Covenant, and a prostitution of solemn vows and engagements. If Bro. Drummond or Bro. Scot, or Grand Master Lynde, or any other Brother or Grand Master or Grand Lodge, suppose that they can coerce us to call black *white*, evil *good*, or wrong *right*, he or they will find himself or themselves very far mistaken.

The Grand Lodge of Canada made the fraternal advance, never asked one word of contrition, or one expression of humiliation, but agreed to the Protocol which her own (Quebec's) committee prepared, and became bound to recommend to the acceptance of their Grand Lodge, we can see nothing more that Canada can do, and if the masonic harmony which has so long prevailed on the American Continent is destroyed for ever, the blame lies at Quebec's door.

It is painful to us to so express ourselves, and next to unbearable to give up all hope of the restoration of brother-love, peace and harmony, and are therefore willing to catch at any glimmering of hope that may appear in the horizon. We believe there are many eminent—although misguided—brethren connected with the Quebec organization (and “with all their faults we love them still”) in evidence

whereof, we see that when the uncalled for, and obsequious resolution *anent* the Grand Orient of France was brought in, there was "a long discussion," less than half the votes present were cast, and in that "less than half" there was a minority of seven, and on the "thunder and lightning" vote against Canada, only half the votes were cast, and in that there was a minority of four, small as these minorities are, they may be a *nucleus*, around which, the neutrals may rally, and by taking the management of their affairs into their own hands, by telling outside intruders to mind their own business, and by preventing visiting brethren from "*starting to their feet*" and interrupting their proceedings (a course which none but impertinent visitors would dare to pursue)—there is a hope that at some future day, those misguided brethren may deeply regret that they refused the peace offered to them at so cheap a rate, may return from the error of their way, and seek the restoration of true peace and harmony from the legitimate source where alone it can be found. So mote it be.

## NEBRASKA.

The fourteenth Annual Communication commenced at the city of Lincoln, June 21st, 1871. Session three days. M. W. Bro. Harvey P. Deuel, G. M., and R. W. Bro. Robert W. Furnas, G. Sec'y Thirty Lodges represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, reports the subordinate Lodges in a prosperous condition, and our institution flourishing. He had granted dispensations for four new Lodges, and refused two which had been made too late, as the time of probation before meeting of Grand Lodge would have been too short. He had received a number of applications to confer degrees in "short time." He holds the opinion that "there is no such thing as absolute necessity for such a course, yet in the face of that opinion he had "reluctantly" granted some—one of the dispensations for new Lodges was revoked. The seven Lodges to whom charters were granted last year had been constituted, a

number of decisions had been given, but we do not find any that requires special notice. One article of the constitution was amended so as to read "During the recess of the Grand Lodge the Most Worshipful Grand Master alone shall have power to grant dispensations for new Lodges, and under his private seal" we do not know what restrictions he was under before.

Bro. Furnas reports from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence that they had received, had in review, and would have ready for publication, with printed proceedings of Grand Lodge, the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Lodges, besides a number of Grand Consistories, Grand Commanderies, and Grand Councils, and the Secretary says in a note that these are published in a separate volume. We are sorry to say that we have not got it. We see a question submitted to the committee on jurisprudence, the answer to which we think somewhat out of the way, viz:

"A brother is expelled by a subordinate Lodge for unmasonic conduct, he appeals to the Grand Lodge, the action of the subordinate Lodge is reversed; what course is necessary to enable the brother to affiliate?" The committee answer it is necessary for the brother to obtain a dimit from the Grand Secretary. Our answer would be that the brother had not lost his affiliation, that is, if he was affiliated when charges were made. If a subordinate Lodge expel a brother on grounds that the Grand Lodge on appeal find untenable, and find the action of the subordinate Lodge null and void, (which we think is the definition of "reversing a sentence") we hold that the brother is just where he was before suit was instituted. If this is not law, we should like to know what use there is in appeals. Grand Lodge accepted an invitation from the inspectors of the Penitentiary to visit that Institution. The Treasurer of the Orphans School Fund reports the funds to be \$3,921.23. One member from each Lodge is appointed a committee on Orphan's Fund, and we see by a resolution, "That the trustees of the Orphan's Educational Fund receive as compensation for

their services, the sum of *one dollar each, per annum.*" We trust that when they draw their salary they will donate it to the fund.

Thirty-two Chartered Lodges, and 3 Under Dispensation. Master Masons reported 1579.

Amounts received for Grand Lodge dues during the year \$1,650.58. For Orphan's Fund \$615.54.

M. W. Bro. William E. Hill, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Robert W. Furnas, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### NEVADA.

The seventh Annual Communication commenced in the city of Virginia, Sept. 19th, 1871. Session four days. M. W. Bro. George Robinson, Grand Master, and V. W. Bro. William A. M. VanBokkelen, Grand Secretary. Thirteen Lodges represented.

The Grand Master in his address, after the usual congratulations, goes into a detail of his official acts, first noticing in appropriate terms one who had gone down to "Death's dark domain," namely, P. M. Frank H. Kennedy, but says that with this exception "all has been well with the members of this Grand Body and with all its surroundings." He mentions many things that are of vital importance to all on the leading subjects of the day: the initiation of maims, the careless admission of profanes, intemperance, profanity, gambling, slander, and trading on Masonry; all of which subjects he, with true Masonic spirit, censures and condemns. Only one dispensation for a new Lodge had been granted, and only one special dispensation for installation of officers at a time different to that set forth in the constitution. Amongst the questions on Masonic law which had been submitted to him was one:

"Can a Mason who has committed suicide be buried with Masonic ceremonies?"

To which he answers:

"That if the Lodge of which he was a member, or within whose jurisdiction he resided, were satisfied that the brother was not in the full possession of all his faculties, or in other words was insane at the time of taking his own life, yes; but were it apparent, on the contrary, that he was at the time of sound mind, no. The question is of considerable importance, and is, I think, now for the first time called to notice within this jurisdiction. Although it has been a subject of considerable controversy elsewhere, my response to the query was desired in answer to a telegram, and the time was insufficient for that full consideration which its importance would seem to require. I think, however, that such cases can with propriety be left to the discretion of the Lodge. If the suicide be the result of insanity, I fail to see the impropriety of burying the brother with Masonic honors. If the insanity be the result of licentious or vicious habits my opinion notwithstanding is that if the Lodge having jurisdiction over him shall have allowed him to go on in violation of the laws of God and the teaching of Masonry, until such a result succeeds, without admonishing him of his faults, or endeavoring to bring him back to the paths of rectitude, or (in case of failure to work the desired reformation), enforcing the discipline which our regulations require, the brother is entitled to masonic burial at the hands of the Lodge, though his life may have been taken by his own act."

A committee which had been appointed on "ancient landmarks" (and we do not know that there are modern ones) brought in a majority and minority report; the former by Bro. Robert H. Taylor, who increases the number to 51, the other by Bro. Wm. H. M. VanBokkelen, who contends for only 33—what we have generally recognized here are those by Bro. A. G. Macke and are only 25—both reports bear marks of deep research and contain much that is valuable, but beyond this we need say nothing about them, unless we could copy the whole, and that—with various remarks that might be offered, would be more appropriately made a pamphlet by itself, rather than a part of a review.

The two reports were laid over to next Communication.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Taylor, already named (86 pp., fine type) reviewing the proceedings

of 38 Grand Lodges. Canada for 1870 is fraternally noticed, and the remarks on our report are approvingly referred to. The Report is exhaustive and contains many things that we should like to extract, but we cannot.

STATISTICS.—Lodges 14, U. D. 1, Initiated 78, Passed 71, Raised 64, Master Masons, 1,028.

M. W. Bro. George Robinson, unanimously re-elected Grand Master, and V. W. Bro. John C. Currie, elected Grand Secretary.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK.

The fourth Annual Communication commenced in the city of St. John, September 27th, 1871, Session 2 days. M. W. Bro. Wm. Wedderburn, Grand Master, and V. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, Grand Secretary. Lodges represented, 15.

The Grand Master commenced his address thus:—

“It will be a matter of sincere pleasure and congratulation to you to learn officially, as you have no doubt perceived personally, that the Masonic Year in the history of our jurisdiction now drawing to a close, has been marked by many evidences of progress and prosperity.”

“Claiming an origin immemorial, and cemented by principles which should be everywhere acknowledged and respected, Masons discover in the general success of their ancient craft a cause for delight, equalled only by their intense satisfaction upon the advancement of their immediate jurisdiction. Opposed by unreasoning prejudices, traduced by the ignorant and profane, sought after for betrayal by the vicious and mercenary, ‘Freemasonry, notwithstanding, still survives,’ and the world, so unready to declare it, is clearly the better for it that our institution rises superior to all calumnies and bigoted opposition.”

Protracted illness had prevented him from making many official visits—he had met the Lodges of St. John and installed their Masters, but on this subject he says:—

“I may remark at this point, however, that I do not at all admire the plan of summoning the lodges of the city for high twelve on St. John’s day for installation purposes. I approve of the proper celebration of the festival, If there

was but one lodge in the city, then the day and hour are most suitable for such a service; but it is manifestly impossible to conduct the installation of the officers of seven lodges consecutively, with comfort to the brethren, or with that interest and "decency and order" which should mark all our ceremonies. I think this matter well worth the consideration of Grand Lodge, and of the subordinate lodges immediately interested; and, indeed, if the installing ceremonies were set down for the regular monthly meeting of the respective lodges, I can readily fancy with what pleasure any Grand Master would officially visit each lodge; and what a series of effective and harmonious fraternal meetings the Craft in the city would thus be enabled to enjoy."

He comes down with just indignation on the undue publicity of Masonic proceedings, not only in the daily papers, but in magazines professing to be devoted to the interest and care of the Craft and concludes his remarks on the subject thus :—

"It will be a happy hour for Freemasonry when there is less publicity—indeed, no publicity at all—given to these matters when they unfortunately arise, and when newspapers and periodicals are only recognized as channels for that pure Masonic literature which may be perused with profit, and preserved without pain, to the Craft."

The demise of R. W. Bro. James Robertson P. S. G. W., V. W. Bro. the Rev. William Donald, D.D. Grand Chaplain, and W. Bro. John Boyer, P. G. Tyler, are feelingly noticed and a eulogy bestowed on, and a memorial page devoted to each.

We have annexed to the proceedings the minutes of a special communication held at Carleton, September 28th, 1870, for the purpose of dedicating a Masonic Hall there, the ceremony is given in detail.

There is no report on correspondence. Lodges 26. Members, 1,751.

M. W. Bro. Wm. Wedderburn, Grand Master, and V. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

## NEW JERSEY.

The Annual Communication was held in the city of Trenton on the 17th and 18th of January, 1872. M. W. Bro. William E. Pine, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary. 118 Chartered Lodges represented, and three U. D. The Grand Master, after the usual greetings, says:

"We have brought to the altar our offering of thanksgiving and praise, invoked the blessing of the Most High upon our deliberations, and may we enter upon our duties under the sunlight of His love. Our annual greetings are seldom an unmixed joy. Each succeeding year the 'veil of eternity falls around us,' and we are now called upon to add to the list of our fraternal dead the names of M. W. Bro. Joseph Warren Scott and W. Bro. John Helm."

After giving the history of those two veterans and eulogizing on their Masonic worth and merits, he gives a detail of his official acts, he had granted five dispensations to confer degrees in less than the regular time, and in one case to pass and raise at the same communication. Seven dispensations had been granted for new Lodges and two refused. He had laid the corner stone of a new hall in the city of New Brunswick, and dedicated three Lodge rooms. A large portion of the address is devoted to an invasion of their territory by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, having granted a charter to certain parties within their jurisdiction. We deeply sympathize with our sister of New Jersey, and would earnestly recommend to Grand Lodge to render what assistance she can to protect and defend the territory of a sister who has befriended us from the attacks of our enemies in our "hour of need" and that if the remonstrances already made are not effectual, our Grand Lodge will go shoulder to shoulder with her in driving the invader from her shores. Amongst the many decisions given by the Grand Master, he submits the following:

"1. Where Lodges hold concurrent jurisdiction it is unnecessary for a Lodge out of such jurisdiction to obtain

the consent of more than one Lodge to receive and act upon the petition of a candidate residing therein.

"2. A Lodge has the right to return the petition fee of a candidate, after election, before a degree is conferred if by vote they so determine, and such candidate may present his petition to any Lodge in whose jurisdiction he may reside, and such Lodge can act upon the petition without the consent of the first named Lodge, all claims between it and the candidate being dissolved.

"3. It is unlawful for a Lodge to suspend a member for non-payment of dues at any special meeting.

"4. A non-affiliated Mason in good standing may petition to any Lodge in New Jersey for affiliation without the consent of a particular Lodge in whose jurisdiction he may reside.

"5. The evidence of an *expelled* Mason cannot be received in a masonic trial, neither can he act as counsel in such trial.

"6. The Grand Master cannot by dispensation authorize a particular Lodge to use the materials belonging to another Lodge.

"7. No member of a Lodge can legally demand of a Bro. his reasons for voting against a candidate for initiation or membership, and no attempt should be made to discover the brother who shall have cast a negative ballot.

"8. The ballot should be strictly secret; a brother violates the secrecy of the ballot by stating how he voted, and should not be permitted to give his reasons for so doing.

"9. Upon the rejection of a candidate the W. M. should permit no discussion.

"10. If a candidate is proposed and rejected, and subsequently becomes a resident of another jurisdiction, the Lodge wherein he was rejected does not lose jurisdiction on him, such Lodge would be authorized to receive and act upon his petition although a non-resident, which could not be acted upon by any other Lodge without consent of the Lodge wherein he was rejected.

"11. A candidate rejected in a Lodge in this jurisdiction, and subsequently made a Mason in another jurisdiction,

without the consent of the Lodge wherein rejected, is illegally made.

"12. Subordinate Lodges have exclusive control over the material residing within their particular jurisdictions, and have the right to grant permission to act upon petitions of candidates residing therein.

"13. No officer of a Lodge can resign or dimit during the term for which he was installed.

"14. When a brother, who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, tenders to the Secretary the amount of his indebtedness, the money should be received, and receipt given for the same. It would not be proper for the W. M. to order the money to be returned in case the Lodge refused to reinstate the brother.

"15. A subordinate Lodge has the right to prefer charges, and try a member who is also a member of the Grand Lodge."

The committee on jurisprudence does not sustain all the above. On the 2d, held that "a petition may be withdrawn with the unanimous consent of the Lodge before the investigating committee has reported, *but not afterwards*." On the 5th, they agree that an expelled Mason should not act as counsel in a trial, but hold that his evidence should be taken the same as that of a profane. On the 13th, they are of the opinion that the restriction is confined to the elective officers. On the 15th, they say;

"The mere fact that a member of a subordinate Lodge is a member of the Grand Lodge does not in itself protect him from trial and discipline of the particular Lodge, but there are numerous exceptions to this general rule. A Lodge cannot try its Master or Wardens during their term of office after the expiration of their term, they may be tried for any offence other than *official* misconduct. For the latter they are amenable only to the Grand Lodge."

\$3935.70 had been forwarded to the Grand Master of Illinois for the Chicago sufferers, and \$130.50 for the same purpose in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

A Communication from the Grand Orient of Brazil

requesting recognition was laid over until next Annual Communication.

The reports of the D. G. M. and Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, are gratifying as to the general state of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Joseph H. Hough, it is exhaustive (116 pp.) and well written. Canada for 1870 receives a due share of fraternal notice.

In Finances, there is on hand after settling all demands and appropriating \$400 to Grand Secretary to meet current expenses, a balance of \$2,795.78.

Lodges 131, Members 9,907.

M. W. Bro. William E. Pine, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

#### NORTH CAROLINA.

The eighty-fifth Annual Communication commenced in the city of Raleigh, December 4th, 1871. Session 5 days. M. W. Bro. Charles C. Clark, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary. Lodges represented, 151. The Grand Master says:

"In assuming the duties and responsibilities of the exalted station to which your kindness and partiality had called me, I trust that I somewhat appreciated the truth, that the institution of Masonry was not designed solely to heighten the pleasures of social intercourse, or to connect men together, by indissoluble ties, which would render them, in certain selfish senses, stronger and more independent within themselves; but that, far above and beyond these lesser things, the true mission of Masonry was to elevate the thoughts, to cultivate the heart, to ennoble the character, to beautify and adorn human nature to the fullest extent of human capability—and thus by interweaving and harmoniously blending her own moral teachings with the holy principles, which God has established for the government of His intelligent creatures, to lead her votaries to pay that rational homage to the Deity, which at once constitutes their duty and their happiness."

He sets out on a moral crusade with the two following propositions which we believe are universally held to be correct, viz:—

“1st. That profanity and drunkenness are among the highest Masonic crimes.”

“2nd. That Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, are directed to vindicate the law in relation thereto.”

After some remarks on these propositions he says:—

“From information which I have obtained, by means of a circular letter, addressed to the Subordinate Lodges, early in my official term, I make known to you the humiliating fact, that, within the jurisdiction of the 103 Lodges, which responded to my inquiries, about five hundred Masons are addicted to habitual profanity, and about three hundred and twenty-five to the excessive use of intoxicating drinks. There are in the State, about two hundred and twenty-five working Lodges, and between ten and eleven thousand Masons. We may, therefore fairly conclude, that at least one thousand Masons in the State, daily profane God’s name, while seven hundred, at least, walk daily with their brains addled by the intemperate use of alcoholic stimulants. What a foul blot upon Masonry’s escutcheon!”

He gives a critical analysis of the Law on non-affiliation, and comes to the conclusion that all non-affiliates should be subjected to Masonic death, and also that the Lodges who grant them dimits are *particeps criminis*. He is equally severe on any attempt to change the Ritual, or departing from the settled Phraseology. We think the following is pretty sound and sensible.

“It is to be regretted that so much of the funds of the Lodges is expended in the adornment and construction of Halls. Masonry is *par excellence*, a Charitable Institution. Masonry had rather dwell in an humble cot, and partake of its rude shelter and accommodations, with the latch string hanging on the outside door, inviting the welcome entrance of the poor distressed brother, his widow and orphans, than be locked up in some stately edifice whose marble exterior bespeaks the chilling selfishness of the occupants within. Let us caution the Lodges against a too lavish expenditure of their funds for their own comfort and convenience, or for purposes of useless display.”

Dispensations granted for 6 New Lodges—50 Bound Volumes had this year been added to the Library, which now contains 207 volumes in all.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Donald W. Bain. The proceedings of 45 Grand Lodges are reviewed, Canada for 1870 included. The report is neat and the extracts tasteful. We have one objection to it, namely, that, as a rule, Bro. Bain does not give the year for which he is reviewing, except in the list of Lodges.

Balance in Treasury, \$386 47. A Committee appointed on resources reported, that the annual resources were about \$3,000 and Expenditure \$1,500 to \$2,000, but thought the expenditure might be made less.

Number of Lodges working, including 5 U. D., 221, number of Chartered Lodges gone out of existence 95, number of Members returned 8,414, resident Masons not members, returned 1,391.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary both re-elected.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

In this neat little volume we have, the proceedings of three quarterly communications held Sept. 2d and Dec. 2d, 1870, and March 1st, 1871, and Annual Communication held at Halifax, 7th and 8th June, 1871. At the first-mentioned communication M. W. the Hon. Alex. Keith presided, but was absent from the others on account of bad health, when they were presided over by R. W. Bro. William Taylor, D. G. Master. R. W. Bro. Benjamin Curren, Grand Sec'y.

The quarterly communications were chiefly occupied with revising their constitution and other local matters. At the Annual Communication, thirty-two Lodges were represented, and the D. G. M. made a few brief remarks. He regrets the absence of the Grand Master, who it appears had unfortunately lost his eyesight and was then in New York submitting to a painful operation for its recovery. It is

with pleasure that we learn from the afternoon proceedings of the second day of session that the operation had been successful; that he was returning home, and that a committee was appointed to make arrangements for a suitable reception and prepare an address of welcome. The D.G.M. goes on to notice that the subordinate Lodges are in a prosperous and harmonious condition. That six charters and dispensations for two new Lodges had been granted, and steps taken to form a Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. George T. Smith (44 pp.). Thirty-two Grand Lodges (Canada for 1870 included) receive notice as full as the limits would permit, and in a fraternal spirit.

Balance in treasury, \$1,681.17. Chartered Lodges, 65; including six added last year. Master Masons, 2,266.

M.W. Bro. the Hon. Alex. Keith, Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. Benjamin Curren, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

#### PENNSYLVANIA.

The Annual Communication was held at Philadelphia, Dec. 27th 1871. M. W. Bro. Robert A. Lamberton, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John Thomson, Grand Secretary.

This Grand Lodge holds quarterly Communications, three of which are reported, and a Special Communication, October 12th, 1871, on account of the Chicago fire, but for the sake of brevity we shall group the proceedings under one heading.

On the announcement of the death of P. G. M. William Barger, suitable resolutions were passed and Grand Lodge draped in mourning.

A W. Master was expelled for using MSS. in conferring the third degree.

\$1,000.00 was sent forthwith in aid of the Chicago sufferers and a Committee appointed to collect more from subordinate Lodges.

The address of the Grand Master refers chiefly to local affairs, he says ;

“ It gives me pleasure to inform you that the subordinate Lodges throughout the jurisdiction, have with rare exceptions enjoyed a year of quiet prosperity. They have added largely to their membership, gathering into our fold many who are Freemasons not in name only, who will increase our strength and add to our power to do good. Although there have been a few Lodges which seem rather to have taken pride in multiplying members than in *making Masons*, yet the rule has been, that greater care has been exercised, a more zealous regard shown for full masonic qualifications and more proficiency required before advancement.”

During the year he had granted 6 dispensations to pass and raise, 11 to raise, and 619 to pass the chair, and these yielded to Grand Lodge a revenue of \$6,420.00. (prodigious !)

The report on Foreign Correspondence (134 pp.) is presented by Bro. Robert F. Fisher, chairman. 44 Grand Lodges are reviewed, including England. Canada for 1870 is fully and fraternally noticed.

There is one peculiarity in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, they do not give either the names of delinquents nor the Lodge to which they belong, which we feel inclined to consider an improvement, we do not think it consistent with masonic charity to blazon abroad the backslidings of the brethren with full names and designations.

The Almoners of the Charity Fund report the distribution of \$3,165.00 to 190 applicants, and the Stewards of the “Stephen Gerard” Fund had given \$2,950.00 to 129 destitute brethren.

Chartered Lodges 328, U. D. 5 ; Membership about 35,128.

M. W. Bro. Samuel C. Perkins was re-elected Grand Master, and delivered an appropriate inaugural address.

R. W. Bro. John Thomson, re-elected Grand Secretary.

## RHODE ISLAND.

A Communication was held in Providence on 24th June, 1870, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a monument to be erected by the State to the memory of the soldiers and sailors of Rhode Island who fell in the late war. There was a great turn out. The ceremony is given in full, as well as the form of procession, and taking it all and all we think it has been the most magnificent affair of the kind we have ever had the pleasure of reading about. A eulogy on Masonry was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, and an oration by the Grand Orator.

Semi-annual Communication held at same place, on Nov. 1st, 1870. Business local and routine.

Annual Communication, May 15th, 1871. Twenty-five Lodges were represented. M. W. Bro. Thomas A. Doyle, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Chas. D. Greene, Grand Sec'y.

The Grand Master in his address recounts his official acts and offers some appropriate suggestions.

The "Angel of Death" had smitten six members of Grand Lodge, four of whom had lived beyond the allotted span of threescore years and ten, and like shocks of corn were ripe for the harvest. It appears Grand Lodge has no fixed minimum price of admission, the evil of which want shows itself. The Grand Master says one Lodge in Providence charges only half the price of the other three in the same place, consequently the "cheap shop" had during the year 53 candidates, the other three 44 amongst them, Grand Master thinks the cheap Lodge is pursuing a mistaken policy.

At a previous Communication it had been ordered that the work and lectures of the three degrees should be *engrossed in a Book* for preservation in the Grand Secretary's office. This had never been done, but the following resolution leads us to believe that the scheme has not been abandoned.

"*Resolved*, that two brethren be appointed as custodians of the work, who shall proceed at once to prepare, and present to the Grand Lodge the work and lectures of the three degrees."

Grand Master refers to a curious incident in connection with the laying of the corner stone on the 24th of June, his remarks are too long to copy, but the incident in substance —was—that apparently the contractor for the building had not been duly consulted about Grand Lodge interference, or perhaps thought he could fix a corner as well as Grand Master Doyle, left the stone in the quarry. On the day previous to the great day of exhibition the "want" was discovered, and Grand Lodge not to be disappointed proposed to lay the corner "symbolically" with a small stone. This set "the world in a roar o' laughing at them," and during the night between the 23rd and 24th June, by some mysterious process, the stone of *nearly Ten Tons* from a quarry 40 miles distant was upon the ground, but how the stone came there, or by whom brought has not yet been revealed.

We well remember the time when, without hesitation, the feat would have been ascribed to the gentleman to whom Burns addresses the following stanza:

"When Masons mystic word and grip,  
In storms and tempests raise thee up,  
Some cock or cat thy rage maun stop, or strange to tell,  
The youngest brither ye wud whup off straught to H—."

But we would not be surprised if the anti-masonic crusaders of the present day should question the estimated *weight of the stone*, or the distance from the quarry—or perhaps insinuate that the contractor had concealed it somewhere in the vicinity of the building.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

Lodges 25, Members 3,389.

M. W. Bro. Thomas A. Doyle, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Charles D. Greene, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

## TENNESSEE.

The fifty-eighth Annual Communication commenced in the city of Nashville, Nov. 13th, 1871. In session 3 days. M. W. Bro. John C. Brown, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John Frizzell, Grand Secretary.

Chartered Lodges represented, 231; U. D., 14.

The Grand Master reports the craft to be prosperous and happy. He says:

"The Masonic fathers of Tennessee have nearly all of them passed away. Since our last Annual Communication Bro. Robert M. Boyers, the last survivor of the founders of this Grand Lodge has been summoned by the Grand Architect to rest from his labors, after a probation of more than fourscore years."

Seven dispensations granted for new Lodges and two more referred to Grand Lodge, invoking favorable action. All the matters referred to in the address are of a local character, and so also are the whole proceedings of Grand Lodge.

The report on Foreign Correspondence (83 pp.) is by Bro. George S. Blackie, M. D., Assistant Secretary, Chairman. All the Grand Lodges of America (45) are reviewed, as well as a great number foreign to the United States. Some with plain English and some with jaw-breaking names. Canada for 1870 amongst the foreigners. Bro. Blackie says he "cannot find it truthful to put us in the list of United States Grand Lodges." The report is an excellent one, and quite exhaustive—indeed, we are inclined to think too exhaustive—for he brings to his aid newspapers, magazines and periodicals. We do not make this remark with regard to Canada or any other place in particular, but because we hold that reviewers have no right whatever to recognize anything that does not come into their hands under the seal of a Grand Lodge. We shall give our reasons in support of this doctrine whenever we meet with anyone denying it.

The Memphis Board of Relief reports having disbursed \$1,286.03 in charities.

Grand Treasurer reports assets, including \$1,180.30 on hand last year, \$19,872.80. Disbursements, \$10,255.25.

Chartered Lodges, 342 ; U. D., 11. Members, 19,401.

M. W. Bro. W. M. Dunaway, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John Frizzell, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### TEXAS.

The thirty-fifth Annual Communication commenced at Houston, 12th June, 1871. Session 5 days.

M.W. Bro. Clinton W. Winkler, Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. George H. Bringhurst, Grand Secretary. 142 Lodges represented.

Grand Master in his address gives a synopsis of his official acts which show that he is no idler. 13 Lodges to whom Charters were granted last year had been constituted and officers installed. Two Charters had been arrested, and others restored. The address is chiefly taken up with the reports of D. D. G. M.'s, 29 had reported and 6 had not. We give the general tenor of these reports in Grand Master's own words thus :

"By reference to the reports of these officers it will be found that they have been vigilant and active in the discharge of their duties ; that most of the Lodges have been visited by them and that in the main, Masonry throughout our wide spread jurisdiction is in a healthy and prosperous condition, and that where this is not the case these official brethren have pointed out the errors and evils existing."

A great many questions had been submitted to him, and he says, if the applicants would spend the time in the study of the laws that they do in writing letters it would save the Grand Master much trouble.

The Committee on grievances had their hands pretty full,

but seem to have wrought their way through as well as could be expected.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Robert M. Elgin. It seems carefully prepared and is in a fraternal tone, extends to 73 pp. and reviews the proceedings of 42 Grand Lodges. Canada for 1870 is fraternally noticed, he goes at length into the Quebec "embrogia," and makes some shrewd remarks, but as they are now two years old, it would be of little importance to copy them.

Lodges 284, Members 12,771.

M. W. Bro. Thos. J. H. Anderson, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Bringham, re-elected Grand Secretary.

We have learned elsewhere as well as on the cover of the volume before us, that Most Worshipful Bro. T. H. Anderson died Aug. 29th, 1871, the duties will now fall on the D. G. M. We extend our fraternal sympathy to our sister in her bereavement.

#### UTAH.

There has been laid before us a neat little pamphlet containing proceedings of a masonic convention of three Lodges held at Salt Lake City, January 16th, 1872, and four following days, for the purpose of organizing a Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. for the territory of Utah.

The various steps of organization appear to have been in due form. We gather from an oration delivered by Bro. R. H. Robertson who had been appointed Grand Lecturer, that the three Lodges held respectively of Montana, Kansas, and Colorado, he says also

"The circumstances which surrounded our early history were complicated and peculiar, queer and unprecedented. We grappled with them as best we could. The few brothers that rallied about our altar were faithful to their vows, true to their trust and stood to the ancient landmarks of our order with unerring fidelity. They guarded well the

‘innerdoor,’ and the ‘magic power of the mystic brotherhood’ increased in this polygamie community, while none who held his country’s authority in defiance, or trod its laws beneath his feet, entered the portals of our Lodges.”

A copy of Constitution By-Laws, etc., etc., are appended.

Bro. O. F. Strickland was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Joseph Nounnan, Grand Secretary.

#### VIRGINIA.

The Annual Communication commenced in the city of Richmond, 11th December, A. D. 1871. Session three days. M. W. Bro. Thomas F. Owens, Grand Master and R. W. Bro. John Dove, Grand Secretary. 127 Lodges represented.

The Grand Master’s address is brief and chiefly refers to matters of a local kind, he had granted 9 dispensations for new Lodges, had officiated at the laying of a lot of corner stones, and reports some 10 decisions which require no particular notice.

The Committee on the Masonic Temple Association report that the capital stock now represents \$53,925.00, and when \$100,000 more is obtained they would be prepared to lay the corner stone. We find nothing in the proceedings interesting to any out of the jurisdiction.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. B. R. Wellford Jr. (110 pp.) 44 Grand Lodges are reviewed, some of them for two years, Canada for 1871 comes in for a large share of notice, especially as regards the Quebec “embrogliæ.” About 25 pages of the report are devoted to Bro. Drummond of Maine, chiefly on this subject, although some remarks are made on our report of last year on said “embrogliæ” we let them go. There is one particular in Bro. Wellford’s review that we feel called upon to notice, apart from the “embrogliæ,” he says :

“Upon one matter we think Bro. Mitchell in his discussion with Bro. Drummond manifests a strange ignorance of

masonic law, and if his be the accepted idea in Canada, we cannot wonder at the departure of the Quebec brethren from the teachings of the landmarks. If our Grand Lodge cannot teach us who are, and who are not to be regarded as clandestine Masons, we can see little difficulty in questioning her authority in other matters."

He then quotes our former paragraph to Bro. Drummond with Bro. Drummond's answer, thus:

"That the ban of non-intercourse can only extend to Lodges as such, and cannot dissolve the individual bond between brother and brother. Bro. Drummond says if he belonged to almost any jurisdiction and should hold intercourse with persons declared by such Grand Lodge to be clandestine Masons, he would soon find himself to be without the pale of the fraternity."

We believe that in 1870 in our remarks under California, we were the first that ever mooted this subject and we would therefore invite all "into whose hands these presents shall come" to take the subject to their serious consideration.

Bro. Wellford has said "if our Grand Lodge cannot teach us who are and who are not to be recognized as clandestine Masons, we can see little difficulty in questioning her authority in other matters."

Now we would not wish to be understood as saying anything derogatory to Grand Lodge or as advocating insubordination in any manner of way, but we may frankly say that we have exactly the same opinion of the powers of Grand Lodge as we have of the sovereignty of the American States and Congress—namely—that she has no power whatever beyond what is delegated to her by her constituent Lodges, and—in as far as we are aware—the brethren of said Lodges have never yet delegated to her the *keeping of their consciences*. And we also hold that independent of Grand Lodge or any other interference we are—each for himself—bound hand and foot to find out for ourselves who are, and who are not clandestine Masons, and if we hold intercourse or recognize those who are clandestine knowingly or without due caution we are violating our covenant with heaven.

But as to Grand Lodge telling us who are clandestine, let us take an instance: Suppose the Grand Lodge of New York with her hundreds of Lodges and tens of thousands of Masons, should do something for which Grand Lodge of Canada should take it in her head to issue an edict of non-intercourse with her, would that edict render the regularly constituted Grand Lodge of New York with all her subordinates and thousands of members clandestine? we trow not. If it does, then all Masons around the globe are solemnly bound to have nothing to do with her.

Farther, the principal ban of non-intercourse that we have noticed of late has been against the Grand Orient of France, and in as far as we have seen, not one of these Edicts have declared the Grand Orient clandestine, but the very contrary, the edict only to have effect "until such time as she rescind her action in regard to Louisiana."

The idea of Clandestine originated in Bro. Drummond's brain and Bro. Wellford has caught the infection.

Again, Bro. Wellford says—"If ours be the accepted idea in Canada we cannot wonder at the departure of the Quebec brethren from the teachings of the landmarks."

We would respectfully remind our brother that a *taunt* and a *sneer* are poor substitutes for an argument. The recognition of clandestine Masons would be a breach of a landmark, and the system of one regular body declaring non-intercourse with another regular body has nothing to do with landmarks, it is introduced into our present Grand Lodge system as an expediency rather than as a law.

Take another instance: Our worthy friend, Bro. Gouley, threatens an edict against our grandmother of Scotland unless she will agree *not* to make Masons of Missourians when they go over there. Now our grandma' has the sovereign independent right of doing in this as she thinks fit, and if she agree to the Missouri proposal she will not do so in obedience to any landmark, nor from any fear of Missouri rendering

her clandestine, but merely out of courtesy and for the sake of fraternal and social relationship.

If we are right then that the edict of a Grand Lodge cannot of itself make another Grand Lodge clandestine, what is, or should be the effect of such an Edict on Masons individually? We believe that such an edict should prevent us from going to the Lodges of the party interdicted or allowing them to come to ours, or to any procession or masonic demonstration, and here we think it ends.

And to make the matter as short as possible, we say to Bro. Wellford and every brother else, that if an edict of Grand Lodge or any other Lodge can prohibit us from the exercise, or exonerate us in the breach of any duty we owe to our God or our neighbour. Bro. Wellford may call it "strange ignorance of masonic law" as long as he chooses, but it is not masonry as we have learned it, nor as we ever intend to recognize it, and we may repeat our reply to Bro. Drummond last year, viz: "If we cannot get into a Lodge without trampling under foot the moral law and the gospel law too, we would much prefer staying out."

STATISTICS.—Number of Lodges making returns 187; number failing to make returns 14; number suspended 5; number extinct 5; number of new Lodges Chartered 6; number under jurisdiction of Grand Lodge of West Virginia 12; number that have returned their Charter 1.

M. W. Bro. Robert E. Withers, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John Dove, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### VERMONT.

The Annual Communication was held in the city of Burlington, 14th and 15th June, 1871. M. W. Bro. George M. Hall, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Henry Clark, Grand Secretary. Lodges represented, 88.

From Grand Master's address we quote the following:

"I regret, my brethren, that the truth requires me to

announce that persistent efforts are yet being made in some parts of our land, by certain restless spirits, to bring the institution of Freemasonry into disrepute, by arraying it as hostile to the spirit of Christianity, and as opposed to the progress of republican institutions. They boldly affirm that it is at war with the religion of Christ, that its votaries are, at best, but infidels, or the disciples of nature, and that we are in league with, it may be, 'the prince and power of the air,' to overthrow all law and order, both in the Church and State, and are seeking to establish upon their ruins a system of anarchy and confusion; that our teachings, if rightly understood, tend only to the debasement of all principle in the minds of our novitiates, and to usurp in its place, as its leading spirit of action, gross licentiousness in religion, law and liberty; that with us patriotism, one of the noblest principles of the human soul, is but a sentiment that may be contracted or dispelled at pleasure, governed only by accidental circumstances; that the principle of universal brotherhood of man, sought to be established by us, tends only to weaken that noble love of country upon which the sentiment of patriotism is based."

"They tell us, forsooth, that there is, in all our symbols, an esoteric meaning that but few, even of our initiates, ever come to understand; that this acme of knowledge is reserved for the chosen few who control our destinies, and in fact make the laws for us, and that ere long the foundations of Church and State will topple, and ultimately fall, under the silent though powerful influence of Freemasonry."

"My brethren, can these things be so? Can it be true that we have all been deceived in these long years of success and prosperity? Is it true, that in this regard, the 'children of this world are indeed wiser than the children of light?' Are we all dupes, and they only wise?"

"Nay, my brethren, I have not so learned the truth. To my mind the esoteric teachings of our order are only such as teach us how we can best contend against the demon of ignorance and superstition, and to recognize in man the true image of his Maker, and thus instruct him how best to honor and respect his fellow-man."

"But I do not stand here to-day as a defender of those principles upon which our institution is founded; they indeed need not the feeble defence that I might afford them; they are the heart and life of the soul, and, when understood, are at once admitted by all, whether he be initiate or profane."

"But the true philosopher and generous man, recognizing in our institution one of the designs of Providence for the advancement of the human race, extends to it an elevated rank, second to none but religion; in fact, regarding it rather as the handmaid of that religion whose teachings are to love God with all the heart, and our neighbor as ourselves. That we worship the same God who has taught us that the brightest jewel in the crown of his faithful worshippers is *charity*, immortal charity which extends beyond the grave, through the boundless realms of eternity."

He submits a brief abstract of his official duties, he has granted two dispensations for new Lodges, and brings other two applications to be laid before Grand Lodge. Commissions had been issued in three instances to competent brethren to consecrate and dedicate Masonic Halls.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Henry Clark and extends to 55 pp. small type. 38 are devoted to the Quebec case, 3 to New York and the remaining 14 distributed among 27 other Grand Lodges, Canada not included.

In the large space devoted to the Quebec question Bro. Clark professes to have given all the *pros* and *cons*—we do not believe much in professions unless they are carried into practice, we think Bro. Clark should have included Grand Master Pratt's declaration of "unqualified rebellion," and Grand Master Peter's sound reasoning on the question in hand.

Lodges 95, Members 8,099.

M. W. Bro. Park Davis, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Henry Clark, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

The fourteenth Annual Communication commenced in the city of Olympia, 21st Sept. 1871. In session 3 days.

M. W. Bro. John T. Jordan, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Thomas M. Reed, Grand Secretary. 11 Lodges represented.

The Grand Master in his address says:

"While many of our sister Grand Lodges have been called upon to record the death of many illustrious brethren within their jurisdictions, our ranks have remained unbroken, and we should return thanks to the Supreme Architect for many blessings and comforts we enjoy."

He then recurs to his official acts for the year, he had granted 2 dispensations for new Lodges, and one to bury a non-affiliated Mason with masonic ceremonies the brother having desired to be buried by the fraternity, and also one to confer the third degree in a case of urgent emergency. Few decisions are reported. He says:

"It has been the custom among the Lodges in this jurisdiction for Committees upon the petition of candidates to report either favorably or unfavorably, and that is all the information they give the Lodge concerning the qualification of candidates, I would advise that this Grand Lodge adopt some form of report to govern subordinate Lodges in such cases so that they may report facts as they find them, then the members of Lodges can vote understandingly, and be judges of the material that is brought up for the building of the temple."

This is a step in the right direction and is the very thing we urged last year, and which we find is approved of by Louisiana and others, and we hope the time is not far distant when it will be universally adopted—when Committees will report *facts as they find them*, and show that they have been at some pains to find them, and when Lodges shall be guided not so much by *absence of evil* in the candidate as by positive good, when the Committee can report that the candidate has not only "ceased to do evil" but "learned to do well," when this comes round we will be free from much that is unpleasant in suspension, expulsion, etc.,—which brings disgrace on our order, and could in a great measure be prevented by guarding our portals, and we believe that nothing is more detrimental to our proper guarding of the *outer door* than the system in general use of receiving the reports of investigating committees.

The Grand Master is happy to state—and we are equally happy to report—that their controversy with Oregon has been finally settled and that the most friendly and fraternal feelings now exist between the two Grand Bodies. If there be one thing more than another that yields pleasure to a reviewer, it is to report that union has taken the place of discord, and brotherly love the place of strife.

Founded on a long and sound argument by the Committee on jurisprudence, the iniquitous edict has been expunged from their rules of requiring separate ballots for each of the degrees.

A question seems to have arisen as to the *right* of Past Masters to vote in Grand Lodge. We confess we have not given due attention so as to warrant us to express an opinion whether Past Masters should or should not be members of Grand Lodge, but it is obvious to all, that a Lodge of thirty years standing, having Past Masters by the dozen, possess a preponderance over Lodges of *yesterday* altogether inconsistent with the idea that all Lodges are equally represented on the floor of Grand Lodge. We shall in the meantime keep our considerations in *retentis*, and hope we shall hear some of “the great guns” on the subject.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Thomas M. Reed, (82 pp.) 42 American and 5 Foreign Grand Lodges are reviewed. Canada receives full and fraternal notice as regards Annual Communication of 1870 and the previous emergent communication. We fully coincide with Bro. Reed's views of the Quebec case.

We raised some questions as to why there was no report on Foreign Correspondence last year, his reasons then given were, that no Committee had been appointed and that Grand Lodge was not “unfortunate in the omission,” he now acknowledges that the omission was to save expenses, and to help Grand Lodge out of debt, this we think all right, but the plain unsophisticated fact might have been told last year as well as now, instead of going “about the bush” for an excuse.

On the Missouri decision. That a brother who has not been elected and installed a Warden of a chartered Lodge is ineligible to the office of Master of a Lodge although he may have acted as Worshipful Master of a Lodge U. D. Bro. Reed seems to have overlooked the true intent of this decision and we would refer him to our remarks under Kansas on the same subject. Leaving the point at issue, he comes down on the rule that a brother must be a Warden before he is a Master and concludes that it (the rule) "is more honored in the breach than in the observance." We say not so, even apart from the time hallowed rule, and apart if he chooses from the rule that brethren ought to acquire eminence by degrees, we contend that the brethren at large have a far better chance of acquiring a knowledge of a brother's proficiency by serving a term as Warden, than they can possibly have while he merely sits an inactive spectator in the ranks. And besides this, we think it would be something akin to a vote of censure on the Wardens who have faithfully discharged their duties to hoist a brother into the east over their heads. How would *you* like it Bro. Reed? We would find the solution of many questions by adopting the advice we sometimes see on houses-letting placards, "for particulars enquire within."

M. W. Bro. Granville O. Hatler was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Thos. M. Reed, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### WISCONSIN.

The Annual Communication was held at Milwaukee 13th and 14th Jnne, 1871. 147 Lodges represented. M. W. Bro. Gabriel Bouck, Grand Master, and R.W.Bro. Wm. T. Palmer, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master's address is a model for brevity, he says: "Unity, harmony and concord have existed among the Craft in this jurisdiction." He had granted only one dispensation for a new Lodge, had refused several applications from Lodges for permission to have Gift Concerts for the purpose

of procuring funds to erect a Masonic Hall, these he had "peremptorily refused" because amongst other reasons they were in violation of the "law of the land," we do not know his "other reasons" but we think the last one quite sufficient alone.

In the same category he places what he calls "Masonic Aid Societies" a kind of mutual insurance company. We think every Lodge Grand and Subordinate, has a Masonic Aid Society, and are mutual assurance companies to some extent. The members have to contribute a certain "*per annum*" on the understanding that they will thereby be entitled to *some* benefit, one is struck off if he fails in his annual premium, and if he continue his "premium" to the end of his days—what then? Alas! the essentials of mutual assurance is lost! and it is blazoned to the world that the Lodge voted a small pittance to his widow and orphans under the name of CHARITY, but apart from this, we should like to know why Masons should not have "Aid Societies" if they choose, as well as other men.

The Grand Master finds the E. A. and F. C. bright, the M. M's very dull, and recommends the adoption of a regulation by Grand Lodge that the latter be required to pass an examination in open Lodge. The Committee on jurisprudence could not see it.

The Grand Lodge is called to the consideration of economy, and which seems to be opportune in as much as the expenditure for last year was about two thousand dollars in excess of the income.

He complains that reports on Foreign Correspondence "have become tediously voluminous and entail a large annual expenditure to the Grand Lodge," and also insinuates that these reports are not generally read. We hope this omission is confined to his own jurisdiction, we know of some places where the Grand Lodge proceedings are anxiously looked for, for these reports alone.

The report on Foreign Correspondence in the present case is by Bro. Myron Reed (31 pp.). 31 Grand Lodges are on this list, only 17 are reviewed and some remarks added on different topics.

One hundred and eighty Lodges, 9,202 Members.

M. W. Bro. H. L. Palmer, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Wm. T. Palmer, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### CONCLUSION.

Our work, with all its faults and shortcomings, is now before you. Although we have had fewer Grand Lodges under review than on some former occasions, we have still had seven thousand pages, which we have carefully read, and from which we have endeavored to extract such matters as we believe are calculated to do good to the craft in our jurisdiction. The addresses of Grand Masters abound in sound ethical teaching, from many of which we would gladly have quoted more extensively had our limits allowed. Some of them "Beard the Lion" and fearlessly attack the besetting sins of the day. As a rule our noble order is prospering and in health, and although it is true that much sickness exists, it is also true that energetic measures are being taken to "amputate incurable members," and brotherly kindness is being exercised in the reclaiming of *hopeful* backsliders. The general warning from the East is "Watch your portals," and we firmly believe if Lodges would use the powers they possess and the means within their reach in "guarding the outer door," the office of a "Committee on Grievances" would soon become a sinecure. Apart from the misgivings, which are only as a "drop in the bucket" to the whole, it is gratifying to find that in general, peace and harmony prevail: "Love to God and good will to men" are prominently held forth, and Grand Lodge of Canada is fraternally noticed, which we have endeavored to acknowledge in the same spirit.

The Grand Master of Louisiana specially charges the Grand Lodge of Canada with not having taken action on

her behalf against the Grand Orient of France. Far from approving of the action of the Grand Orient, we have repelled the charge on the ground that Louisiana has for two years supported the invasion of our territory by the Quebec brethren, and has "capped the climax" by the recognition of that body as a Grand Lodge.

On the other hand, we find that one of our staunch allies, the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, is in affliction on account of the Grand Lodge of New Hamburg having chartered a Lodge within her jurisdiction. With our sister of New Jersey we have expressed deep sympathy, anticipating that Grand Lodge would bear us out. We deeply regret to learn that your overtures of kindness to our misguided brethren in Quebec—overtures abounding with love and kindness almost to a fault—have been treated with scorn and contempt, emboldened, we doubt not, by the recognition of so many of the American Grand Lodges. Regardless of recognitions, threats and intimidations, we have endeavored to the best of our ability to maintain your position in support of Grand Lodge sovereignty, jurisdictional rights, the sanctity of vows and the solemnity of covenants. Whatever others may do, let "us and our house," stand to the right. It is a fact that cannot be denied that every city and county in the Dominion has its geographical limits and political boundaries fixed, and has a legislature and government of its own, all as distinct and independent as Quebec, and if Grand Lodge sovereignty and jurisdictional rights are thrown in the shade, and if three regular Lodges exist in any such city or county, they are as justly entitled to form themselves into a Grand Lodge as Quebec, and while this may come, and, should Quebec finally triumph, will come; something has already come equally injurious and more derogatory to the honor and dignity of the order. From the Grand Lodge of Maine we learn that Grand Master Lynde had received a letter from the Grand Master of Michigan informing him that "expelled Masons" in Detroit had formed three Lodges in that city under the fascinating names of Faith, Hope and Charity, and were

pretending to confer the three degrees of Masonry. It is a rather curious coincidence that the *first extended discussion of the Quebec question published*, and the first intimation of this schism should come from Maine, yet so it is. But we may be asked, What has the Quebec case to do with this? We answer, it has everything to do with it, inasmuch as it has set the example of insubordination. The Detroit brethren being expelled Masons is mere fudge. They would be *ipsa facto* expelled Masons by joining any such Lodges, but that they will care nothing about. They know that the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec was organized by suspended Masons. If they have violated their obligations to Grand Lodge of Michigan so have the others to Grand Lodge of Canada, and with all their insubordination and violated vows have been recognized by half the Grand Lodges of America. The next thing we shall probably hear will be that the three Detroit Lodges have organized a Grand Lodge. Other States will doubtless soon follow in the wake, and, by-and-bye, instead of harmony and order, we shall have anarchy and confusion, mock processions, laying corner-stones, dedicating halls, Masonic funerals, and so on. Masonry will be stripped of the honor and dignity that have been her characteristics from time immemorial, and be made a "hissing and bye-word." In fine, Quebec has raised the standard of rebellion, and lighted the torch of revolution. Let her and those who have propped the one and fanned the flame of the other stand to the consequences. But let Canada keep her hands clean and her robes unspotted. Friends may forsake her; envy may traduce her good name, and malice may persecute her; but with the good, the faithful and the true, she will stand out fair as the sun and clear as the moon. Let her, therefore hold fast to her principles, firm as the "everlasting hills," taking and keeping as her motto: *Fiat justitia ruat cælum.*



CHAIRMAN, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Secretary read the following letter having reference to the formation of a Masonic Lodge at Levuka, Fiji, the further consideration of which was laid over till the meeting of the Board of General Purposes in February next:

LEVUKA, FIJI,  
March 12, 1872.

*The Grand Secretary of the Independent Grand Lodge of Canada :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to apprise you that a Masonic Lodge has been regularly opened in these Islands under the name of Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, Polynesia, and is held on the second Tuesday of each month at Levuka, and we now seek recognition from the various Grand Lodges throughout the world.

I must inform you that as this Kingdom is not subject to any European jurisdiction or any constituted Masonic power, when we prepared the regular form of application for a warrant to be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of England, through the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales, we were informed it was not in the power of the Grand Lodge of England, or any other Grand Lodge to grant us a warrant, for the reasons before mentioned. We were therefore justified in the action we have adopted, and by this mail I have forwarded to the Grand Lodge of England copies of the various documents under which we have acted.

I have now to request that you will lay this notice before the M. W. the Grand Master when your Grand Lodge assembles, and I trust we may soon have a favorable reply recognizing us as a properly constituted Lodge.

I remain, dear sir and brother,  
Yours fraternally,

H. OLIPHANT PATON,  
P. M. and W. M.,  
Lodge of F. and A. Masons, Polynesia.

We also obtained the authority of His Majesty, Cakabau I. to hold Masonic meetings in his kingdom.

H. O. P.

The Grand Secretary submitted to Grand Lodge a letter he had received from R. W. Bro. Sir John A. Macdonald, Representative of the Grand Lodge of England, covering the correspondence in the matter of an appeal made by Bro. George Smith against the sentence of suspension pronounced against him by the Dalhousie Lodge of Ottawa, formerly 571 on the registry of the United Grand Lodge of England, and which it was desired should be laid before the Grand Lodge of Canada.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. E. C. Barber, seconded by W. Bro. H. Merrill, and

RESOLVED,—That the Correspondence received from the Grand Lodge of England having reference to the suspension of W. Bro. Smith by Dalhousie Lodge be referred to the Board of General Purposes for investigation.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, on behalf of the special committee appointed to draft an address of congratulation on the restoration to health of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, submitted the following :

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS: We, the members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in Grand Lodge assembled, most respectfully approach your Royal Highness with the assurance of our most profound respect and fraternal regard. We desire to avail ourselves of this our earliest opportunity of giving expression to the high sense we entertain of the signal mercy displayed by the G. A. O. T. U. in the restoration of your Royal Highness to health in answer to the heartfelt prayers of a United Empire. It having been our happy lot to be permitted to welcome your Royal Highness to this most important of Her Majesty's Colonies, we cherish a feeling of attachment to the person of your Royal Highness, in addition to that of respect which we entertain for the heir to the British throne. And we pray earnestly that it may please Almighty God to vouchsafe such a measure of health to your Royal Highness in the future as may tend to the promotion of the happiness of your Royal Highness and the well-being of the mighty empire over which it may be your proud destiny to reign.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and unanimously

**RESOLVED**,—That the report of the special committee on address be received and adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following brethren on the committee to procure a suitable testimonial to be presented to M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Past Grand Master, viz.: M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, R. W. Bro. Thos. White, Junr., and R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr.

The Grand Secretary read a telegram received from R. W. Bro. Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary of Missouri, and the representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada at the Grand Lodge of Missouri, expressing regret that circumstances prevented him from reaching Canada in time to be present at this Communication.

The M. W. Grand Master alluded to the great services R. W. Bro. Gonley had rendered to Masonry by his able defence and support of the principles of Grand Lodge Sovereignty, and upholding the correctness of the position assumed by the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Quebec schism.

R. W. Bro. Bro. Otto Klotz gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he will move that in Section 1 "of the Board of General Purposes" the following words be struck out, viz., "*Not more than one-half of such appointed or elected members are to be Past Masters at the time of such appointment or election.*"

The M. W. Bro. James Seymour proceeded with the installation of the Grand Master elect, M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, who was duly invested, installed and thrice proclaimed the M. W. Grand Master of the

# Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.

The following are the

## GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro.	Wm. M. Wilson, Simcoe,	Grand Master.
R. " "	Thomas White, Junr., Montreal,	Deputy Grand Master.
" " "	James Bain, Toronto,	Grand Senior Warden.
" " "	Horace Merrill, Ottawa,	Grand Junior Warden.
" " "	Rev. E. Lounsbury, London,	Grand Chaplain.
" " "	Henry Groff, Simcoe,	Grand Treasurer.
" " "	Chauncey Bennett, Port Rowan,	Grand Registrar.
" " "	Thos. Bird Harris, Hamilton,	Grand Secretary.
" "	Robert Colquhoun, Montreal,	Grand Tyler.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.			District.
" " "	James Gowans, Sarnia,	St. Clair	"
" " "	Francis Westlake, London,	London	"
" " "	H. McK. Wilson, Brantford,	Wilson	"
" " "	John E. Harding, St. Marys,	Huron	"
" " "	T. M. Anderson, Ayr	Wellington	"
" " "	E. Mitchell, Hamilton,	Hamilton	"
" " "	R. Kemp, Beamsville,	Niagara	"
" " "	Henry Robertson, Collingwood,	Toronto	"
" " "	J. B. Trayes, Port Hope,	Ontario	"
" " "	F. Richardson, Napanee,	Prince Edward	"
" " "	James Reynolds, Prescott,	St. Lawrence	"
" " "	E. C. Barber, Ottawa,	Ottawa	"
" " "	William McKenzie, Montreal,	Montreal	"
" " "	Geo. H. Allen, Waterloo,	Bedford	"
" " "	Wm. N. Kennedy, Winnipeg,	Province	Manitoba.

At a subsequent date the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the following appointments to office for the ensuing Masonic year, viz.:

V. W. Bro.	Jno. F. Lash, Toronto,	Grand Senior Deacon.
" " "	W. S. Martin, Paris,	" Junior "
" " "	Robt. Nichols, Port Hope,	" Supt. of Works.
" " "	H. Fred. Sharp, St. Mary's,	" Dir. of Ceremonies.
" " "	C. R. Smith, Hamilton,	Asst. " Secretary.
" " "	P. Geraghty, Kingston,	" " Dir. of Ceremonies.

W. Bro. Bernard Saunders, Toronto,	Grand Sword Bearer.
" " William Nivin, Montreal,	" Organist.
" " Adam Cranston, Galt	Asst. " "
" " E. E. Kitchen, St. George,	" Pursuivant.
" " A. J. Donly, Simcoe,	} Grand Stewards.
" " Thos. Sargent, Toronto,	
" " William Braund, Dunnville,	
" " E. R. Carpenter, Collingwood,	
" " Aaron McMichael, Waterford,	
" " Alex. S. Abbott, London,	
" " Alex. Chisholm, Montreal,	
" " Wm. Dewar, Ancaster,	
" " Wm. R. White, Pembroke,	}
" " Jas. S. Scarff, Woodstock,	
" " Wm. H. Archer, Toronto,	
" " J. W. Stewart, Port Dover,	}

The Scrutineers of the ballot for members of the Board of General Purposes, reported the following named brethren as having received the highest number of votes, and who were declared duly elected members of the Board for the next ensuing term, viz :

- R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto.
- " " " H. Macpherson, St. George's Lodge, No. 88, Owen Sound.
- " " " Daniel Spry, King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, Toronto.
- " " " Peter J. Brown, King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, Ingersoll.
- " " " Otto Klotz, Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt.
- " " Wm. McCabe, Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, Oshawa.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments as members of the Board for the next ensuing term, viz.:

- R. W. Bro. Allan McLean, St. John's Lodge, No 68, Ingersoll.
- " " " John Urquhart, Lodge of Antiquity, Montreal.
- V. " " James Gibson, Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor.
- " " " J. J. Mason, Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton.
- R. " " C. D. Macdonnell, St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Kingston.
- " " Gustav Levin, the Builder's Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa.
- R. " " R. P. Stephens, Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, and unanimously

RESOLVED,—That the members of this Grand Lodge cannot permit M. W. Bro. James Seymour to retire from the position of Grand Master, which he has so ably filled during the past year, without an earnest assurance of the great respect entertained for him by every member of Grand Lodge, and the high esteem in which he is held by every Free Mason within this jurisdiction; and they fervently pray that the G. A. O. T. U. will see fit to restore him to such health as to enable him, at no distant day, to afford the Grand Lodge a continuance of the active and zealous interest which has always characterized him in connection with the discharge of the high and responsible offices which that eminent brother has so worthily filled, and that it be an instruction to the Committee appointed to procure a testimonial to M. W. Bro. Stevenson, also to select and present a suitable testimonial to our M. W. Bro. Seymour.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, seconded by R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, and

RESOLVED,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Board of Scrutineers for the very satisfactory manner in which they have discharged their onerous duties.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. John E. Brooke, and

RESOLVED,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Grand Trunk, St. Lawrence and Ottawa, Great Western, Buffalo and Lake Huron, Brockville and Ottawa, Central, Midland, Wellington, Grey and Bruce, and Northern Railways, and the Union Forwarding Railroad Company, as likewise the Canadian Steam Navigation Company, and the Ottawa Navigation Company, for having reduced the fares to delegates attending this Annual Communication.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, and

RESOLVED,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodges are due and are hereby cordially tendered to the Committee of the Hamilton City Lodges for the ample and most satisfactory arrangements made for the holding of this Annual Communication.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

RESOLVED,—That a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to the Com-

mittee on Credentials of Representatives for the satisfactory manner in which they have fulfilled the arduous task devolving upon them.

R. W. Bro. J. B. Bickell gave notice that, at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, he will move a resolution to so amend the Constitution that all members of private Lodges suspended for non-payment of dues, or otherwise, shall not be re-admitted to membership until after a fresh proposition and ballot in the same manner as for affiliation.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed in ample form at 11.40 o'clock, P. M.

ATTEST :



*J. B. Harris*

Grand Sec.

REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE WORK

1. The first part of the report deals with the work done during the year.

2. The second part deals with the work done during the year.

3. The third part deals with the work done during the year.

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31. The thirty-first part deals with the work done during the year.

32. The thirty-second part deals with the work done during the year.

33. The thirty-third part deals with the work done during the year.

34. The thirty-fourth part deals with the work done during the year.

35. The thirty-fifth part deals with the work done during the year.



## GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.

R. W. BRO. THOMAS B. HARRIS, *in account current with Grand Lodge.**Moneys Received from the 1st January to the 30th December, 1871.*

NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.	NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.
—	Antiquity Lodge, Montreal....	20 59	74	St. James', Maitland.....	64 75
1	Prevost, Dunham.....	40 00	75	St. John's, Toronto.....	127 75
2	Niagara, Niagara.....	30 50	76	Oxford, Woodstock.....	33 25
3	St. John's, Kingston.....	112 25	77	Faithful Brethren, Lindsay...	45 50
4	Dorchester, St. John's.....	33 25	78	King Hiram, Tilsonburg....	22 75
5	Sussex, Brockville.....	57 50	79	Simcoe, Bradford.....	36 14
6	Barton, Hamilton.....	83 50	80	Albion, Newbury.....	38 63
7	Union, Grimsby.....	55 08	81	St. John's, Mt. Brydges....	12 25
8	Nelson, Phillipsburg.....	6 00	82	St. John's, Paris.....	84 25
9	Union, Napanee.....	85 00	83	Beaver, Strathroy.....	82 00
10	Norfolk, Simcoe.....	61 75	84	Clinton, Clinton.....	34 00
11	Moirs, Belleville.....	84 00	85	Rising Sun, Farmersville....	25 33
14	True Briton's, Perth.....	35 50	86	Wilson, Toronto.....	146 00
15	St. George's, St. Catharines...	53 50	88	St. George's, Owen Sound...	48 65
16	St. Andrew's, Toronto.....	160 75	90	Manito, Collingwood.....	102 25
17	St. John's, Cobourg.....	62 65	91	Colborne, Colborne.....	74 75
18	Prince Edward's, Picton...	31 00	92	Cataragui, Kingston.....	113 75
19	St. George's, Montreal.....	39 50	93	Northern Light, Kincardine..	29 00
20	St. John's, London.....	41 50	94	St. Mark's, Port Stanley.....	41 00
21	Zetland, Montreal.....	77 75	95	Ridout, Otterville.....	19 75
22	King Solomon's, Toronto...	65 09	96	Corinthian, Barrie.....	15 50
23	Richmond, Richmond Hill...	40 50	97	Sharon, Sharon.....	43 00
24	St. Francis, Smith's Falls....	25 00	98	True Blue, Albion.....	13 00
25	Ionic, Toronto.....	54 75	99	Tuscan, Newmarket.....	53 00
26	Ontario, Port Hope.....	62 24	100	Valley, Dundas.....	34 25
27	Strict Observance, Hamilton..	115 75	101	Corinthian, Peterboro'.....	15 91
28	Mount Zion, Kemptville.....	28 75	103	Maple Leaf, St. Catharines..	100 00
29	United, Brighton.....	46 00	104	St. John's, Norwichville.....	11 75
30	Composite, Whitby.....	84 37	105	St. Mark's, Drummondville..	77 50
31	Jerusalem, Bowmanville.....	14 00	106	Burford, Burford.....	42 00
32	Amity, Dunnville.....	30 00	107	St. Paul's, Lambeth.....	44 25
33	Goderich, Goderich.....	28 75	109	Albion, Harrowsmith.....	18 25
34	Thistle, Amherstburg.....	57 75	110	Central, Prescott.....	32 50
35	St. John's, Cayuga.....	33 50	112	Maitland, Goderich.....	71 00
36	Welland, Fonthill.....	42 50	113	Wilson, Waterford.....	20 75
37	King Hiram, Ingersoll.....	73 25	114	Hope, Port Hope.....	33 25
38	Trent, Trenton.....	38 75	116	Cassia, Widder.....	45 00
39	Mount Zion, Brooklyn.....	32 50	118	Union, Lloydtown.....	51 00
40	St. John's, Hamilton.....	89 25	119	Maple Leaf, Bath.....	27 25
41	St. George's, Kingsville.....	23 50	120	Warren, Fingal.....	36 50
42	St. George's, London.....	61 50	121	Doric, Brantford.....	67 75
43	King Solomon's, Woodstock..	35 25	122	Renfrew, Renfrew.....	11 50
44	St. Thomas, St. Thomas.....	45 00	123	The Belleville, Belleville....	46 50
45	Brant, Brantford.....	56 50	125	Cornwall, Cornwall.....	69 45
46	Wellington, Chatham.....	48 75	126	Golden Rule, Campbellsford..	20 00
47	Great Western, Windsor.....	65 50	127	Frank, Frankford.....	97 59
48	Madoc, Madoc.....	71 00	128	Pembroke, Pembroke.....	44 47
50	Consecon, Consecon.....	28 50	129	The Rising Sun, Aurora.....	20 00
51	Corinthian, Grahamville...	31 00	131	St. Lawrence, Southampton..	44 81
53	Shefford, Waterloo.....	27 00	133	Lebanon Forest, Franceston..	18 75
54	Vaughan, Maple.....	51 75	134	Shawenegam, Three Rivers..	21 75
55	Mirickville, Mirickville.....	17 00	135	St. Clair, Milton.....	33 50
56	Victoria, Samia.....	87 50	136	Richardson, Stonfville.....	30 00
58	Doric, Ottawa.....	62 50	137	Pythagoras, Meaford.....	37 00
59	Corinthian, Ottawa.....	31 50	139	Lebanon, Oshawa.....	70 50
61	Acacia, Hamilton.....	112 00	140	Malahide, Aylmer.....	84 44
62	St. Andrew's, Caledonia.....	63 75	141	Tudor, Mitchell.....	69 75
64	Kilwinning, London.....	55 75	142	Excelsior, Morrisburg.....	8 25
65	Rehoboam, Toronto.....	53 00	143	Friendly Brothers, Iroquois..	57 75
66	Durham, Newcastle.....	46 50	144	Tecumseh, Stratford.....	55 50
68	St. John's, Ingersoll.....	4 00	145	J. B. Hall, Millbrook.....	74 35
69	Stirling, Stirling.....	47 00	146	Prince of Wales, Newburg..	70 00
72	Alma, Galt.....	53 00	147	Mississippi, Almonte.....	35 25
73	St. James', St. Marys.....	64 75			

## GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.—[Continued.]

NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.	NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.
143	Civil Service, Ottawa .....	50 50	218	Stevenson, Toronto .....	69 75
149	Erie, Port Dover .....	45 00	219	Credit, Georgetown .....	61 50
150	Hastings, Hastings .....	15 50	220	Zeredatha, Uxbridge .....	29 50
151	The Grand River, Berlin .....	24 50	221	Mountain, Thorold .....	21 10
153	Burns, Wyoming .....	54 00	222	Marmora, Marmora .....	5 00
154	Irving, Lucan .....	35 50	223	Norwood, Norwood .....	6 20
155	Peterborough, Peterboro' .....	30 50	224	Zurich, Zurich .....	39 50
156	York, Davisville .....	6 00	225	Bernard, Listowel .....	6 50
157	Simpson, Newboro' .....	11 25	226	Mt. Moriah, Montreal .....	63 00
158	Alexandra, Oil Springs .....	51 75	227	Sutton, Sutton Flats .....	19 00
159	Goodwood, Richmond .....	38 75	228	Prince Arthur, Odessa .....	21 00
160	Quebec Garrison, Quebec .....	25 75	229	Ionic, Brampton .....	18 25
161	Percy, Warkworth .....	16 25	230	Kerr, Bell Ewart .....	29 75
162	Forest, Wroxeter .....	21 00	231	Lodge of Fidelity, Ottawa .....	39 50
163	Browne, Brigham .....	14 00	232	Cameron, Wallacestown .....	20 00
164	Star in the East, Wellington .....	41 75	233	Doric, Park Hill .....	23 00
165	Burlington, Wellington Sq. ....	18 00	234	Beaver, Clarksburg .....	16 50
166	Wentworth, Stoney Creek .....	7 00	235	Aldworth, Paisley .....	3 50
168	Merritt, Welland .....	27 50	236	Manitoba, Bondhead .....	7 25
169	Macnab, Port Colborne .....	38 75	237	Vienna, Vienna .....	46 00
170	Britannia, Seaforth .....	20 00	238	Havelock, Watford .....	21 00
172	Ayr, Ayr .....	20 25	239	Tweed, Tweed .....	20 00
173	Victoria, Montreal .....	34 00	240	Prince Rupert, Winnipeg .....	95 00
174	Walsingham, Port Rowan .....	51 69	241	Quinte, Shannonville .....	29 50
176	Spartan, Sparta .....	21 25	242	Macoy, Escott Front .....	55 00
177	The Builders', Ottawa .....	69 00	243	St. George, St. George .....	65 00
178	Plattsville, Plattsville .....	24 25	244	Lisgar, L. Fort Garry .....	31 50
179	Bothwell, Bothwell .....	31 25	245	Tecumseh, Thamesville .....	41 50
180	Speed, Guelph .....	116 50	246	U. of S. Observance, Montreal .....	30 00
181	Oriental, Port Burwell .....	51 25	247	Ashlar, Yorkville .....	87 50
183	Prince Albert, Prince Albert .....	39 00	248	Eureka, Pakenham .....	41 75
184	Old Light, Lucknow .....	29 00	249	Caledonian, Angus .....	80 75
185	Enniskillen, York .....	26 00	250	Thistle, Embro .....	20 00
186	Plantagenet, Plantagenet .....	17 50	251	Minden, Kingston .....	41 50
187	Royal Canadian, Sweetsburgh .....	30 25	254	Clifton, Clifton .....	54 25
189	Filius Vidue, Adolphustown .....	19 50	255	Sydenham, Dresden .....	20 00
190	Belmont, Belmont .....	58 00	256	Farran's Point, Farran's Pt .....	30 00
192	Orillia, Orillia .....	79 00	257	Galt, Galt .....	30 00
193	Scotland, Scotland .....	17 23	258	Guelph, Guelph .....	30 00
194	Petrolia, Petrolia .....	68 25	259	Springfield, Springfield .....	36 25
195	The Tuscan, London .....	32 50	260	Washington, Petrolia .....	30 00
196	Madawaska, Arnprior .....	15 75	U. D. Oak Branch .....	20 00	
197	Saugeen, Walkerton .....	71 50	" Harriston .....	20 00	
198	White Oak, Oakville .....	50 25	" Forest .....	20 00	
200	St. Albans, Mount Forest .....	83 97	" Chaudiere .....	20 00	
201	Leeds, Gananoqui .....	63 50	" Patterson .....	20 09	
202	Mount Royal, Montreal .....	40 50	" Northern Light .....	20 00	
203	Irvine, Elora .....	96 75	R. W. Bro. K. J. Kerr .....	5 00	
205	New Dominion, New Hamb'g .....	18 25	" " " E. C. Barber .....	1 00	
206	North Gower, North Gower .....	10 75	" " " A. Murray .....	18 00	
207	Lancaster, Lancaster .....	41 85	" " " C. L. Beard .....	6 09	
208	Chateauguay, Huntingdon .....	7 25	" " " I. P. Willson .....	1 00	
209	Evergreen, Lanark .....	13 00	" " " E. H. Smith .....	2 00	
210	Hawkesbury, Hawkesbury .....	46 00	U. D. Pythagoras .....	20 00	
211	Brome Lake, Knowlton .....	21 25	Constitutions .....	1 00	
212	Elysian, Garden Island .....	20 50	U. D. Parthenon .....	20 00	
213	Dominion, Ridgeway .....	66 00	" Seymour .....	20 00	
215	Lake, Ameliasburg .....	15 50			
216	Harris, Orangeville .....	74 50			
217	Frederick, Fredericksburg .....	15 00			

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## RECAPITULATION.

For Certificates.....	\$2,634 00
" Dues.....	4,747 13
" Fees.....	1,802 50
" Dispensations.....	524 00
" Warrants.....	240 00
" Constitutions.....	390 85
" Proceedings.....	8 16
	<u>\$10,346 64</u>

## BALANCE SHEET.

Dr. *Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada. By HENRY GROFF, Grand Treasurer.* Cr.

1871.	\$	cts.	1871.	\$	cts.
Dec. 31—Stocks, bal. on 30th Dec., 1870, \$28,800 00			Dec. 31—General Fund.....	\$28,034 96	
Add Dominion, 5 per cent., purchased 23rd Aug., 1871.....	10,000 00		—Asylum Fund, balance as reported by the Committee at Annual Meeting in July, 1871.....	\$5,536 31	
—Debentures, as reported 31st December, 1870.....	38,800 00		Add interest on Dominion Stock, 1st Oct., 1871.....	144 00	
—Bank of Toronto, balance as reported by the Committee at Annual Communication in July, 1871.....	1,600 00		—Benevolence Investment acc. balance as per balance sheet, 31st Dec., 1870..	5,680 31	
Add, 1st Oct., 1871, interest on Dominion Stock (supposed to be deposited).....	\$736 31		Add, 1st March, 1871, 10 per cent. of gross receipts for 1870.....	970 39	
—Canadian Bank of Commerce, Simcoe....	144 00		—Benevolence current acct.....	11,434 15	
				1,306 14	
				<u>\$44,455 56</u>	

SIMCOE, 4th January, 1872.

Audited and found correct.

E. E.

ALLAN McLEAN, *Chairman.*HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer.*\$44,455 56





## FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.—[CURRENT ACCOUNT]

*Dr. The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in account with HENRY GROFF, Grand Treasurer. Cr.*

1871.		\$	cts.	1871.		\$	cts.
To paid the President's orders as follows, viz.:				1—By balance as per acct audited.....			
Feb 7—	To Mrs. N. McD.....	80	00	Jan. 1—	" six months' interest on Dominion Stock..	933	69
March 11—	" " B.....	25	00	April 8—	" Interest on bank Account.....	720	00
14—	" " J.....	40	00	June 30—	" " Middlesex Debentures.....	294	59
—	" " G. W.....	30	00	July 4—	" " Transferred from General Fund.....	2,500	00
—	" " P. G.....	30	00	Oct. 22—	" Interest on Dominion Stock.....	720	00
16—	" " C.....	20	00	Dec. 30—	" " Bank Account.....	141	86
—	Bro. C. I.....	40	00	—	" " Middlesex Debentures.....	48	00
—	" " R. M.....	20	00				
18—	" " R. C.....	25	00				
20—	" " J. D.....	25	00				
23—	" " T. O. L. G.....	50	00				
—	Montreal Board of Relief.....	100	00				
—	Bro. I. C.....	20	00				
25—	" Toronto Board of Relief.....	150	00				
—	Bro. R. B.....	20	00				
—	" " R. B.....	10	00				
—	" " J. M.....	10	00				
—	Mrs. G. H.....	30	00				
—	" " J. P.....	30	00				
31—	Bro. C. M.....	25	00				
April 4—	Mrs. G. S.....	20	00				
—	" " W.....	20	00				
—	" " B.....	20	00				
—	Bro. J. G.....	20	00				
17—	" " S.....	30	00				

	25—	" Mrs. W. C.....	40 00
	27—	" Bro. C.....	20 00
	29—	" Mrs. D. J.....	35 00
May	8—	" " T.....	20 00
June	19—	" " T.....	20 00
	—	" " C.....	10 00
July	15—	" " T. B.....	20 00
	26—	" " C.....	15 00
Aug.	7—	" Bro. R. B.....	10 00
	—	" Mrs. C. B.....	30 00
	—	" the children of Bro. T.....	15 00
	—	" Bro. G.....	60 00
Aug.	8—	" Mrs. C.....	20 00
	—	" " A.....	25 00
	—	" Bro. W. M.....	50 00
	9—	" Mrs. F.....	50 00
	—	" " R.....	100 00
	—	" Bro. W. E.....	20 00
	—	" Mrs. G. and daughter.....	30 00
	—	" " D. S.....	20 00
	—	" " C. K.....	30 00
	10—	" Bro. O. I.....	40 00
	—	" " W. O.....	30 00
	—	" " S. D. P.....	25 00
	—	" " C.....	50 00
	—	" Mrs. Q.....	25 00
	—	" " T.....	25 00
	—	" " L. C.....	25 00
11—	" Bro. C.....	20 00	
	—	" Mrs. M. A. S.....	60 00
To amount carried forward.....			\$1,830 00

## FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.—[CONTINUED.]

1871.		\$	cts.	1871.		\$	cts.
	To amount brought forward.....	1,830	00		By amount brought forward.....	5,406	14
	To paid President's orders :						
	— " " C.....		40 00				
	— " " P.....		30 00				
15—	Bro. J. K.....		50 00				
	Mrs. J.....		75 00				
	" " T. M.....		40 00				
	" Montreal Board of Relief.....		150 00				
	" Bro. N O. C.....		25 00				
	" " R. K.....		20 00				
	" " G. G.....		30 00				
	" " T. T.....		30 00				
17—	" " H.....		40 00				
18—	Mrs. G.....		30 00				
19—	" " W. G.....		25 00				
	" " J. T.....		25 00				
	" " H.....		50 00				
	" " M. S.....		25 00				
21—	" Hamilton Board of Relief.....		100 00				
	Mrs. T.....		25 00				
	" " F.....		20 00				
	" Bro. J. L.....		15 00				
23—	Mrs. J. G.....		25 00				
	Bro. J. D.....		50 00				
	Mrs. B. S.....		50 00				
	" " G. W.....		40 00				
	" " T. O. L. G.....		25 00				
	Bro. J. S.....		30 00				
	" " J. K. M.....		20 00				

— " " C.....	25 00
— " Mrs. A. S.....	20 00
— " " J. B.....	30 00
— " " J. W.....	30 00
— " Bro. T. R.....	30 00
— " " J. M.....	10 00
— " " B.....	20 00
— " Mrs. G. H.....	30 00
— " " J. P.....	30 00
— " " D.....	20 00
— " Toronto Board of Relief.....	150 00
24— " Mrs. W.....	30 00
25— " Bro. J. R.....	20 00
— " Mrs. H. H. T.....	20 00
26— " " N. C.....	25 00
31— " " F.....	25 00
— " " G.....	30 00
Sept. 1— " " W. I.....	20 00
2— " " L.....	25 00
— " " J.....	25 00
9— " " N. McD.....	50 00
13— " " W. H.....	20 00
15— " " A. T.....	40 00
— " " R.....	20 00
— " " I. F.....	20 00
— " " W.....	20 00
— " " F.....	20 00
20— " " A. McI.....	25 00
23— " " B.....	25 00
27— " Bro. R. M.....	40 00
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To amount carried forward.....	3,810 00

By amount carried forward.....\$5,406 14

## FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.—[CONTINUED.]

	\$	cts		\$	cts.
1871. To amount brought forward.....	3,810	00	1871. By amount brought forward.....	5,406	14
To paid President's orders :					
Oct. 14— " Mrs. G.....	40	00			
18— " " P.....	25	00			
23—Bro. C.M.....	25	00			
— " J. C.....	20	00			
26—Mrs S.....	40	00			
Nov. 15— " C.....	20	00			
Dec. 21— " B.....	20	00			
29— " W.....	20	00			
— " C.....	10	00			
1872. — " G. S.....	20	00			
Jan. 4— Bro A. McCallum, for funeral expenses of late Bro. W. ....	50	00			
Balance.....	1,306	14			
	<u>\$5,406</u>	<u>14</u>			<u>\$5,406 14</u>

1871.  
Dec. 39—By balance at credit of this acct.....\$1,306 14

HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer.*  
ALLAN McLEAN, *Chairman.*

E. E.

SIXCOE 30th December, 1871. Audited and found correct.

## RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, RENDERED 24th JUNE, 1871.

*Lodges marked (\*) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist: all others on that of St. John the Baptist.*

NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
—	*Antiquity .....	Montre I, Q.	First Thursday .....	W. Bro A Chisholm	Bro. R. Rowe.
1	*Prevost .....	Dunham, Q.	Tuesday on or preceding full moon	" A. D. Stevens..	" A. R. Terrill.
2	*Niagara .....	Niagara .....	Wednesday on or before full moon	" David Thorburn	" Peter Smith.
3	*St. John's .....	Kingston .....	First Thursday .....	" R. M. Horsey..	" John M. Horsey
4	*Dorchester .....	St. John's, Q.	First Tuesday .....	" G. H. Wilkinson	" W. Ryder.
5	*Sussex .....	Brockville .....	Wednesday on or preceding f. m.	" Alex. Stewart..	" R. C. Jamieson.
6	*Barton .....	Hamilton .....	Second Wednesday .....	" Gavin Stewart.	" J. F. McClure.
7	*Union .....	Grimsby .....	Thursday on or before f. m.	" William Forbes	" R. T. Randall.
8	*Nelson .....	Phillipsburg.	Thursday on or before f. m.	" H. Montgomery	" P. E. Luke.
9	*Union .....	Napanee .....	Friday on or before f. m.	" G. A. Wright...	" B. S. Abrams.
10	*Norfolk .....	Simcoe .....	Tuesday on or before f. m.	" A. J. Donly....	" Amos A. Merrill
11	*Moir .....	Belleville .....	Wednesday on or preceding f. m.	" James Mackie.	" M. M. Thompson
12	*Golden Rule .....	Stanstead, Q.	Tuesday on or before f. m.	No returns.	
14	*True Briton's .....	Perth .....	First Monday .....	" J. F. Kennedy.	" Arch. Campbell
15	*St. George's .....	St. Catharines	Tuesday on or before f. m.	" Levi Yale .....	" S. A. Dougan.
16	*St. Andrew's .....	Toronto .....	Second Tuesday .....	" John Paterson.	" W. C. Wilkinon
17	*St. John's .....	Cobourg .....	Monday on or before f. m.	" R. J. Winch...	" John Butler.
18	*Prince Edward's .....	Pictou .....	Thursday on or preceding f. m.	" David Dunoon...	" J. R. Spencer.
19	*St. Georges .....	Montreal, Q.	Third Tuesday .....	" A. G. Nish....	" D. McCormick.
20	*St. John's .....	London .....	Second Tuesday .....	" Robert Wallace	" M. D. Dawson.
21	*Zetland .....	Montreal, Q.	Second Thursday .....	" J. G. A. LeBlanc.	" F. H. Lantier.
22	*King Solomon's .....	Toronto .....	Second Thursday .....	" Daniel Spry...	" S. P. Richardson.
23	*Richmond .....	Richm'd Hill	Monday on or before f. m.	" Mathew McNair	" R. E. Law.
24	*St Francis .....	Smith's Falls	Friday on or before f. m.	" E. B. Read....	" Stewart Moag.
25	*Ionic .....	Toronto .....	First Tuesday .....	" H. W. Davies..	" T. W. Farrell.

## RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.—[CONTINUED.]

NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
26	*Ontario .....	Port Hope .....	Third Thursday .....	W. Bro. J. B. Trayes	Bro. E. H. Fogarty.
27	*Strict Observance.	Hamilton ..	Third Tuesday .....	" J. M. Gibson.	" F. R. Despard.
28	*Mount Zion .....	Kemptville..	Wednesday preceding f. m. ....	" G. A. Leslie.	" W. R. Anderson
29	*United .....	Brighton ..	Thursday on or before f. m. ....	" Ira B. Thayer.	" W. A. Mayhew.
30	*Composite .....	Whitby ..	First Thursday .....	" John Stanton.	" Thomas Huston
31	*Jerusalem .....	Bowmanville	Wednesday on or before f. m. ....	" John Milne.	" S. Burden.
32	*Amity .....	Dunnville ..	Wednesday on or after f. m. ....	" C. E. S. Black.	" Charles Oldfield
33	*Goderich. ....	Goderich ..	First Wednesday .....	" Joseph Beck.	" Wm. Dickson.
34	*Thistle .....	Amherstburg	Tuesday before f. m. ....	" C. W. Thomas.	" M. J. Salmoni.
35	*St John's .....	Cayuga ..	Thursday on or after f. m. ....	" John Hoshell.	" J. D. Baumwert
36	*Welland .....	Fonthill....	Thursday on or before f. m. ....	" W. Anderson.	" C. B. Crow.
37	*King Hiram .....	Ingersoll ..	Tuesday on or before f. m. ....	" Chas. H. Sorley.	" C. H. Slawson.
38	*Trent .....	Trenton .....	Tuesday before f. m. ....	" W. J. Barker.	" James Young.
39	*Mount Zion .....	Brooklin ..	Tuesday on or preceding f. m. ....	" J. P. Campbell	" S. R. Wickett.
40	*St. John's .....	Hamilton ..	Third Thursday .....	" Charles R. Smith	" A. Rutherford.
41	*St. George's .....	Kingsville..	Thursday on or before f. m. ....	" E. Allworth....	" Lewis Malott.
42	*St. George's .....	London ..	First Wednesday .....	" J. A. Balkwell.	" Maurice Frank.
43	*King Solomon's ..	Woodstock ..	Thursday on or before f. m. ....	" James S. Searff.	" R. McWhinnie.
44	*St. Thomas .....	St. Thomas ..	First Thursday .....	" John Midgley..	" S. F. Chadwick.
45	*Brant .....	Brantford ..	Tuesday on or before f. m. ....	" H. McK. Wilson	" S. W. McMichael
46	*Wellington .....	Chatham ..	Second Monday .....	" J. H. Luscombe	" N. J. Bogart.
47	*Great Western ..	Windsor ..	Thursday on or before f. m. ....	" James Gibson ..	" S. B. McMullen.
48	*Madoc .....	Madoc .....	Tuesday on or before f. m. ....	" J. S. Loomis...	" James O'Hara, jr
49	*Harington .....	Quebec .....	Third Thursday .....	No returns.	
50	*Consecon .....	Consecon ..	Friday on or before f. m. ....	" J. W. G. Young	" Levi C. Bailey.
51	*Corinthian .....	Grahamville	Tuesday on or before f. m. ....	" Joseph Figg...	" John Lamb.
52	*Dalhousie .....	Carlton Place	First Tuesday .....	" J. J. Redford...	" C. S. Scott.

53	*Shefford.....	Waterloo.....	First Monday.....	Carlos Skinner..	" O. W. Ellis.
54	*Vaughan.....	Maple.....	Tuesday on or before f m.....	" Jesse Martin..	" Arthur Cook.
55	*Mirickville.....	Mirickville.....	Tuesday after f m.....	" A. M. Wright..	" W. Wickwire.
56	*Victoria.....	Sarnia.....	Tuesday on or before f m.....	" James Gowans.	" Charles Wilson.
57	*Harmony.....	Binbrook.....	Monday after f m.....	" John Simpson..	" John Brown, jr.
58	*Doric.....	Ottawa.....	First Wednesday.....	" E. Lievers.....	" D. P. Williams.
59	*Corinthian.....	Ottawa.....	Third Thursday.....	" George Logan..	" Joseph Potts.
60	*Hoyle.....	La Colle.....	Second Tuesday.....	No returns..	
61	*Acacia.....	Hamilton.....	Fourth Friday.....	" Hugh Murray..	" W. J. Crankshaw
62	*St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	Wednesday on or before full moon	" James Old.....	" R. L. Nelles.
63	*St. John's.....	Carleton Place	Wednesday on or before full moon	" John McArton..	" Irwin Stuart.
64	*Kilwinning.....	London.....	Third Thursday.....	" H. A. Baxter..	" T. F. McMullen
65	*Rehoboth.....	Toronto.....	First Thursday.....	" N. G. Bigelow..	" J. M. Davids.
66	*Durham.....	Newcastle.....	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" R. T. Wilkinson	" E. Simm.
67	*St. Francis.....	Richmond.....	First Thursday.....	No returns..	
68	*St. John's.....	Ingersoll.....	Thursday on or before full moon..	" E. Lounsbury..	" A. Macaulay.
69	*Stirling.....	Stirling.....	Thursday after full moon.....	" G. E. Bull.....	" R. Finch.
70	*Victoria.....	Sherbrooke.....	Second Tuesday.....	No returns..	
71	*Alma.....	Galt.....	Thursday on or before full moon..	" W. S. Burnet..	" J. C. Donaldson
72	*St. James'.....	St. Mary's.....	First Monday.....	" H. F. Sharp.....	" W. Tytler.
73	*St. James'.....	Maitland.....	Monday nearest full moon.....	" G. E. Longley..	" David Maxwell.
74	*St. John's.....	Toronto.....	First Monday.....	" B. Saunders.....	" Edward Tynes.
75	*Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	Second Wednesday.....	" Robert Stark..	" C. L. Bard.
76	*Faithful Brethren.	Lindsay.....	First Thursday.....	" A. Hudspeth..	" Thos. Beall.
77	*King Hyam.....	Tilsonburg.....	Wednesday on or before full moon	" L. C. Sinclair..	" G. Vannorman.
78	*Simcoe.....	Bradford.....	Thursday after full moon.....	" W. H. Walkem..	" J. G. Graham.
79	*Albion.....	Newbury.....	First Tuesday.....	" W. D. Hammond	" Joseph Mills.
80	*St. John's.....	Mt. Brydges.....	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" G. Billington..	" E. Handy.
81	*St. John's.....	Paris.....	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" W. S. Martin..	" Wm. Miller.
82	*Beaver.....	Statbrov.....	Friday on or after full moon.....	" J. C. Small.....	" Charles Grist.
83	*Clinton.....	Clinton.....	Friday on or after full moon.....	" D. McG. Malloch	" R. A. Barton.
84	*Rising Sun.....	Farmersville.....	Thursday nearest full moon.....	" J. B. Saunders..	" J. H. Blackburn

## RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.—[CONTINUED.]

NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
86	*Wilson.....	Toronto....	Third Thursday .....	W. Bro. W. H. Archer	Bro. R. T. K. Coady.
87	Markham Union....	Markham....	Friday on or before full moon....	" M. Macklin....	" J. C. Mines.
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound..	Wednesday on or before full moon..	" Allen Cameron.	" W. J. Graham.
90	*Manito.....	Collingwood	Wednesday on or after full moon..	" John Nettleton	" C. E. Stephens.
91	*Colborne.....	Colborne....	Friday on or before full moon. ....	" R. E. Bywater ..	" George Kerr.
92	*Cataqui.....	Kingston....	Second Wednesday....	" A. McMillan....	" John K. Oliver.
93	*Northern Light....	Kincardine..	Thursday on or after full moon....	" T. C. Rookledge	" James Le Gear.
94	*St. Mark's.....	Port Stanley.	Second Tuesday.....	" W. B. Burgess..	" R. B. Golding.
95	Ridout .....	Otterville....	Thursday on or before full moon..	" G. Goodwin....	" M. Durkee.
96	*Corinthian.....	Barrie.....	Thursday on or before full moon..	" Robert King....	" T. E. Rawson.
97	*Sharon.....	Sharon.....	Tuesday on or before full moon....	" J. Kavanagh....	" A. H. Willson.
98	True Blue.....	Albion.....	Friday on or before full moon.....	" John Gilmour..	" John Hickman.
99	*Tuscan.....	Newmarket..	Wednesday on or before full moon..	" Alex. Williams.	" W. H. Bowden.
100	Valley .....	Dundas ....	Friday on or before full moon.....	" A. H. Walker....	" J. S. Baillie.
101	*Corinthian.....	Peterboro...	Wednesday after full moon.....	" J. F. Dennistoun	" F. W. Hall.
103	*Maple Leaf.....	St Catharines	Thursday on or before full moon..	" Peter McCarthy	" F. E. Beeton.
104	St. John's.....	Norwichville	Wednesday after full moon.....	" James Haken....	" J. A. Tidey.
105	St. Mark's.....	Drum'dville	Tuesday on or before full moon....	" James McGarry	" T. W. Woodruff
106	*Burford.....	Barford.....	Wednesday on or before full moon..	" W. G. Nellis....	" John Findlay.
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth....	Second Wednesday.....	" W. L. Odell....	" W. H. Bartram.
108	Blenheim.....	Drumbo.....	Wednesday on or before full moon..	" C. Benedict....	" J. Robertson.
109	*Albion.....	Harrowsmith	Friday on or before full moon.....	" N. F. Dupuis....	" James Cooke.
110	*Central.....	Prescott....	First Tuesday.....	" John Easton....	" J. P. McCarthy.
111	*Morpeth.....	Ridgetown...	Second Thursday.....	" John Duck....	" J. H. Thomson.
112	Maitland.....	Goderich....	Second Tuesday.....	" W. R. Squier..	" J. T. Garrow.
113	*Wilson.....	Waterford...	Wednesday on or before full moon	" A. McMichael.	" E. E. Chipman.
114	*Hope.....	Port Hope...	First Thursday .....	" John Wright..	" N. Hockin.

115	*Ivy.....	Beamsville..	Tuesday on or before full moon...	"	" John S. Walker	" R. S. Merrill.
116	*Cassia.....	Widder. ....	Monday on or before full moon....	"	" W. H. Morgan..	" J. P. Kidd.
117	*Stanbridge.....	Stanbridge....	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	No returns.	" F. D. Ramsay.
118	*Union.....	Schomberg..	Monday on or before full moon....	"	" A. Armstrong..	" John Balfour.
119	*Maple Leaf.....	Bath.....	Monday before full moon.....	"	" T. Johnston..	" Geo. Gray.
120	*Warren.....	Fingal.....	Second Thursday.....	"	" Chas. B. Heyd..	" Alfred J. Wilkes
121	*Doric.....	Brantford....	Friday on or preceding full moon..	"	" T. B. Muir....	" John Burns.
122	*Renfrew.....	Renfrew.....	Tuesday nearest full moon.....	"	" James Smith...	" E. L. Auinger.
123	*The Belleville....	Belleville..	First Thursday.....	"	No returns.	" Charles Poole.
124	*Montreal Kilwin'g	Montreal....	Second Monday.....	"	" A. McLean....	" Henry Barwick.
125	*Cornwall.....	Cornwall....	First Tuesday.....	"	" J. Dinwoodie..	" J. B. Moran.
126	*Golden Rule.....	Campbells'd	Tuesday on or after full moon....	"	" A. Rockwell...	" A. Irving, Jr.
127	*Frank.....	Frankford..	Monday before full moon.....	"	" W. R. White...	" J. Armfield.
128	*Pembroke.....	Pembroke...	First Tuesday.....	"	" G. W. Graham..	" George Vittie.
129	*The Rising Sun....	Aurora.....	Friday on or after full moon.....	"	" J. H. Bartlett..	" J. Stilton.
130	*Yamaska.....	Granby.....	First Wednesday.....	"	" John Eastwood	" M. Eacrett.
131	*St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	Second Tuesday.....	"	" J. W. Broderick	" T. Trenaman.
132	*Lebanon Forest ..	Franceston..	Monday on or before full moon....	"	" W. T. Rickaby.	" Chas. Niehaus.
133	*Shawanegam.....	Three Rivers	Friday on or after full moon.....	"	" G. R. Van zant.	" D. McMurchy.
134	*St. Clair.....	Milton.....	Second Tuesday.....	"	" R. B. Fulton...	" J. H. Youmans.
135	*Richardson.....	Stouffville..	Second Tuesday.....	"	" C. H. Church...	" C. W. Deegan.
136	*Pythagoras.....	Meaford.....	Wednesday on or after full moon..	"	" John Boyd....	" L. R. Smith.
137	*Aylmer.....	Aylmer, P. Q.	Tuesday on or before full moon....	"	" W. J. Kerr.....	" J. C. Weisbrod.
138	*Pythagoras.....	Oshawa.....	Thursday on or before full moon...	"	" John Abbott....	" Thomas Babb.
139	*Lebanon.....	Aylmer, Ont.	Wednesday before full moon.....	"	" S. B. Fell.....	" J. S. Castleman
140	*Malahide.....	Mitchell.....	Thursday on or before full moon....	"	" J. Stephenson..	" John N. Tuttle.
141	*Tudor.....	Morrisburgh.	Second Thursday.....	"	" John Gibson...	" John Douglass.
142	*Excelsior.....	Iroquois.....	Wednesday before full moon.....	"	" W. Staples....	" Geo. Knowlson.
143	*Friendly Brothers.	Stratford....	Friday on or before full moon.....	"	" Peter Johnson..	" W. Burgoyne.
144	*Tecumseh.....	Millbrook...	Second Tuesday.....	"	" W. Mostyn....	" Thos. Carter.
145	*J B Hall.....	Newburgh....	Wednesday before full moon.....	"		
146	*Prince of Wales...	Almonte....	Friday on or before full moon.....	"		
147	*Mississippi.....			"		

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NO.	Lodge.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
148	Civil Service.....	Ottawa .....	Second Tuesday .....	W. Bro. A. J. Cambie	Bro' W. N. Goodeve.
149	Erie .....	Port Dover..	Monday on or before full moon..	" J. W. Stewart.	" Robt. Hel'yer.
150	Hastings .....	Hastings.....	Thursday on or before full moon..	" David Brownlee	" John Sharpe.
151	The Grand River...	Berlin.....	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" Adam Murray..	" Wm. Hendrie.
152	Clarenceville.....	Clarenceville	Third Thursday .....	" No returns.	" J. C. McLanehlin
153	Burns .....	Wyoming....	Thursday on or before full moon..	" Frank Donald.	" W. Quigley, Jr.
154	Irrig .....	Lucan.....	Thursday on or after full moon..	" J. R. Ormond..	" David Wallace.
155	Peterborough .....	Peterboro'	First Friday.....	" Joseph Jackes.	" M. E. Snider.
156	York .....	Davisville..	Friday on or before full moon..	" R. H. Preston..	" Levi S. Lewis.
157	Simpson .....	Newboro'...	Tuesday on or after full moon....	" J. McCann .....	" George Hurdley
158	Alexandria.....	Oil Springs..	Thursday on or after full moon....	" T. V. Lyon.....	" Daniel Beatty.
159	Goodwood .....	Richmond...	First Tuesday .....	" No returns.	" R. P. Hurlbut.
160	Quebec Garrison..	Quebec.....	First Monday .....	" C. A. Mallory..	" W. H. Brawn.
161	Percy .....	Warkworth..	Wednesday before full moon.....	" Ralph Hodgson	" James Burnet.
162	Forest .....	Wroxeter....	Friday on or before full moon.....	" A. A. Blackwood	" Nath. Gordon.
163	Browne .....	Brighton....	Tuesday on or before full moon....	" S. W. Flagler..	" Robt. Halson.
164	Star in the East...	Wellington..	Wednesday on or before full moon...	" William Kerns.	" S. Williams.
165	Burlington .....	Wellington Sq	Monday on or before full moon....	" No returns.	" Charles H. Farr
166	Wentworth .....	Stoney Creek	First Wednesday.....	" James Bridges..	" J. R. Hann.
167	Royal Albert.....	Montreal....	Monday on or before full moon....	" J. B. Neff .....	" Andrew Hally.
168	Merritt .....	Welland.....	Tuesday on or before full moon....	" W. Ballantyne.	" J. L. Decow.
169	Macnab .....	Port Colborne	Monday on or after full moon.....	" J. Edgcombe....	" Jos. M. Riley.
170	Britannia.....	Scaforth ..	Friday on or before full moon.....	" T. M. Anderson	" D. Ferguson.
171	Prince of Wales...	Iona .....	Tuesday on or before full moon....	" W. Niniv.....	" W. Ross.
172	Ayr .....	Ayr .....	First Monday .....	" John Hudson..	
173	Victoria .....	Montreal, Q.	First Thursday .....		
174	Walsingham .....	Port Rowan..			

175	*St. John's.....	Mansonville.	Wednesday before full moon.....	"	" S. J. Blanchard	" G. E. Manson.
176	Spartan .....	Sparta .....	Monday on or before full moon...	"	" F. A. Henderson	" W. D. Oill.
177	The Builders' .....	Ottawa .....	Second Friday .....	"	" Gustav Levin...	" William Ren.
178	*Plattsville .....	Plattsville ..	Friday on or before full moon.....	"	" George Risk...	" R. J. Bouchier.
179	*Bothwell .....	Bothwell .....	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	" Thomas Boon...	" H. F. Smith.
180	*Spegd .....	Guelph .....	First Tuesday .....	"	" A. B. Petrie....	" Philip Bish.
181	*Oriental.....	Port Burwell	Tuesday on or before full moon...	"	" G. W. Pontine..	" George W. Hare
182	*Tuscan .....	Levis .....	First Thursday .....	"	No returns.	
183	*Prince Albert .....	Prince Albert	Friday on or before full moon.....	"	" John Currie....	" H. L. Harden.
184	*Old Light .....	Lucknow.....	Thursday on or before full moon...	"	" T. J. Smedley...	" R. L. Hunter.
185	*Enniskillen .....	York .....	Monday on or before full moon.....	"	" Henry Smith...	" William Clark.
186	*Panaraght .....	Plantagenet..	Monday on or before full moon.....	"	" M. A. Pickel...	" C. E. Johnson.
187	*Royal Canadian .....	Sweetsburg...	Second Wednesday .....	"	No returns.	" L. L. Brown.
188	*Ascot .....	Lennoxville..	Monday on or before full moon.....	"	" E. H. Smith....	" G. P. Sills.
189	*Willus Vidua .....	Adolphustown	Wednesday on or before full moon.	"	" Robt. Sleith....	" W. H. Odell.
190	*Be mont .....	Belmont .....	Friday on or before full moon.....	"	No returns.	
191	*Asblar .....	Coaticook ...	First Wednesday .....	"	" T. S. Atkinson..	" Julius Humme.
192	*Orillia .....	Orillia .....	Friday on or before full moon.....	"	" H. F. Teeter....	" W. A. McLim.
193	*Scotland .....	Scotland .....	Monday on or before full moon.....	"	" John Sinclair...	" W. G. Fraser.
194	*Petrolia .....	Petrolia .....	Second Wednesday .....	"	" G. S. Birrell....	" Donald Currie.
195	The Tuscan .....	London .....	First Sunday .....	"	" W. Cars .....	" A. Garrioch.
196	*Madawaska .....	Am prior .....	Thursday on or before full moon...	"	" J. Hargreaves...	" Joseph Craig.
197	*Saugen .....	Walkerton...	Second Tuesday .....	"	" Chas. W. Pearce	" Neil J. McIntyre
198	*White Oak .....	Oakville .....	Tuesday on or before full moon.....	"	No returns.	
199	*Frelighsburg .....	Frelighsburg	Monday on or before full moon.....	"	" W. B. Carroll...	" John Hodgson.
200	*St. Allen's .....	Mount Forest	Friday on or before full moon.....	"	" P. McDermott...	" John Ormiston.
201	*Leeds .....	Gananoque...	Tuesday on or before full moon...	"	" W. T. Savage.	" Wolfred Nelson
202	*Mount Royal .....	Montreal ..	Second Tuesday .....	"	No returns.	" J. Gordon.
203	*Irvine .....	Elora .....	Friday before full moon .....	"	" John Moran....	" Otto Pressprich
204	*Doric .....	Danville .....	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	" Thomas Conley	" James Lindsay.
205	*New Dominion .....	New Hamb'g	Monday on or after full moon.....	"		
206	*North Gower .....	North Gower	First Monday .....	"		

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NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
207	•Lancaster.....	Lancaster....	Second Wednesday..... of every month.	W. Br. J. W. McEduard	Bio. Alex. Falkner.
208	•Chatauguay.....	Huntingdon..	Second Tuesday.....	No returns.	" Robt. Pollock.
209	•Evergreen.....	Lanark.....	First Tuesday.....	" F. W. Dinwoodie	" Alex. S. Abbott
209	•St. John's.....	London.....	Third Thursday.....	" J. R. Leegett..	" John M. Brown.
210	•Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury..	First Wednesday.....	" A. E. Kimball..	" W. H. O'Regan.
211	•Brome Lake.....	Knowlton....	First Wednesday.....	" A. Malone.....	" Robt. Nancollas
212	•Elysian.....	Garden Island	First Monday.....	" James E. Morin	" A. R. Hardison.
213	•Dominion.....	Ridgeway....	Wednesday on or before full moon	" Wm Matheson.	" W. K. Atkinson
214	•Craig.....	Ailsa Craig..	Monday on or after full moon.....	" N. A. Paterson..	" W. A. Benson.
215	•Lake.....	Ameliasburgh	Monday on or after full moon.....	" John Fletcher..	" D. McKinnon.
216	•Harris.....	Orangeville..	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" Joseph Boice....	" Jacob Sovereign.
217	•Frederick.....	Delhi.....	Monday on or before full moon..	" W. C. Morrison.	" George Fish.
218	•Stevenson.....	Toronto.....	Second Monday.....	" M. H. Starr.....	" John G. Hurley.
219	•Credit.....	Georgetown..	Friday on or before full moon....	" Joseph E. Gould	" J. Summerville.
220	•Zeredathia.....	Uxbridge.....	Monday on or before full moon....	" James Lawson.	" Wm. T. Fish.
221	•Mountain.....	Thorold.....	Wednesday on or before full moon	" David Fitchett.	" D. G. Bowen.
222	•Marmora.....	Marmora.....	Tuesday before full moon.....	" John Moore....	" W. H. Stephensn
223	•Norwood.....	Norwood.....	Monday on or before full moon....	" Robert Brown..	" Wm. Carrick.
224	•Zurich.....	Zurich.....	Friday on or before full moon....	" John Nichol....	" Joseph Zinkan.
225	•Bernard.....	Listowel....	Wednesday on or before full moon	" John McLean..	" Alfred Ward.
226	•Mount Moriah.....	Montreal.....	First Friday.....	" Albert J. Dyer..	" Charles Thorpe.
227	•Sutton.....	Sutton Flatts	Thursday before full moon.....	" B. A. Booth....	" T. K. Ross.
228	•Prince Arthur.....	Odessa.....	Monday after full moon.....	" G. Green.....	" J. M. Reid.
229	•Ionic.....	Brampton....	Wednesday on or before full moon	" A. Miscampbell	" J. F. Smith.
230	•Kerr.....	Belle Ewart..	Tuesday on or before full moon....	" Henry Michaels	" Gustav Levin.
231	•Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	Second Wednesday.....	" D. G. Ruthven.	" John Ridsen.
232	•Cameron.....	Wallacetown..	Wednesday on or before full moon		

233	*Doric.....	Park Hill.....	Tuesday on or before full moon....	"	" W.C. Patterson...	" J. N. Reid.
234	*Beaver.....	Clarksburg ..	Tuesday on or before full moon....	"	" William Cav... ..	" S. N. Boughner.
235	*Aldworth.....	Paisley.....	Friday on or before full moon....	"	" Alex. Mitchell.	" Joseph Black.
236	*Manitoba.....	Bondhead....	Tuesday on or after full moon....	"	" G. W. Malloch.	" E. T. Black.
237	*Vienna.....	Vienna.....	Friday on or before full moon. . .	"	" James St. Clair.	" Ira Doane.
238	*Havelock.....	Watford.....	Tuesday before full moon.....	"	" Henry Roebuck	" J. F. Wright.
239	*Twice.....	Watford.....	Friday on or before full moon....	"	" J. A. Somerville	" D. J. Campbell.
240	*Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg....	Third Tuesday .....	"	" Charles R. Flint	" William Wray.
241	*Quinte.....	Shannonville	Tuesday after full moon.....	"	" A. H. Holland..	" W. S. Hymen.
242	*McJoy.....	Escott Front.	Monday on or before full moon....	"	" S. S. Lazier ..	" R. A. Fullerton.
243	*St. George....	St. George....	Thursday on or before full moon..	"	" Reuben Fields.	" N. H. Fields.
244	*Lisgar.....	L. Fort Garry	First Monday.....	"	" E. E. Kitchen ..	" James Mullen.
245	*Tecumseh.....	Thamesville.	Second Tuesday.....	"	" George Black....	" Richard Hunter.
246	*U. of S. Observance	Montreal....	Third Monday.....	"	" Levi Walker....	" J. F. Wilson.
247	*Ashlar.....	Yorkville....	Fourth Tuesday .....	"	" Arthur Fletcher	" John Bond.
248	*Eureka.....	Pakenham....	Wednesday on or after full moon.	"	" T. F. Blackwood	" J. C. Roblin.
249	*Calcutonian.....	Angus.....	Tuesday on or after full moon....	"	" John W. Pickup	" H. Drummond.
250	*Histle.....	Embro .....	Thursday on or before full moon..	"	" Alex. Cooper ..	" J. McKimmie.
252	*The International.	N. Pembina..	Second Tuesday.....	"	" John Patterson.	" Henry Adams.
253	*Minden.....	Kingston.....	First Monday.....	"	" F. T. Bradley..	" G. W. Andrews
254	*Clifton.....	Clifton.....	Thursday on or before full moon..	"	" James Greenfield	" Henry Preston
255	*Sydenham.....	Dresden. . .	Wednesday on or after full moon..	"	" Samuel Smith..	" A. H. Hughes
256	*Farren's Point :...	Farren's Point	First Wednesday .....	"	" T. C. Macnabb..	" G. T. Gorrell
257	*Galt.....	Galt.....	Tuesday on or before full moon....	"	" C. F. H. Forbes	" James M. Hood
258	*Guelph.....	Guelph.....	Third Wednesday .....	"	" A. H. Cranston.	" Edmund Harvey
259	*Springfield.....	Springfield..	Monday on before full moon.....	"	" Hugh Walker... .	" J. B. Lucas
260	*Washington.....	Petrolia.....	First Tuesday .....	"	" C. T. Burdick..	" W H McGarvey
261	*Oak Branch.....	Innertip....	Thursday on or before full moon..	"	" Daniel Trotter..	" A. S. Allen.
262	*Harriston.....	Harriston....	Monday on or after full moon.....	"	" Robert Stark....	" H. J. Nash.
263	*Forest.....	Forest.....	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	" Samuel Cawan..	" H. B. Merrill.
264	*Chaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	First Monday.....	"	" Thos. S. Shortt.	
265	*Patterson.....	Concord.....	Thursday on or before full moon....	"	" Horace Merrill.	

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266	Northern Light....	Stayner....	Tuesday before full moon..... of every month	W. Br. A. Moberly..	Bro. W. N. Willson.
267	Parthenon.....	Chatham.....	First Wednesday.....	" A. D. Bogart....	" Chas. Dunlop.
268	Verulam.....	Bocaygeon....	First Monday.....	" John Kennedy..	" J. C. Smith.
269	Brougham Union...	Brougham....	Wednesday after full moon.....	" J. P. Campbell..	" C. W. Smith.
270	Cedar.....	Oslawa.....	Fourth Tuesday.....	" J. P. Smith....	" R. D. Boonier.
271	Wellington.....	Erin.....	Wednesday on or before full moon	" D. Kirkwood....	" H. Richardson.
272	Seymour.....	Ancaster.....	Wednesday on or before full moon	" William Dewar..	" John A. Ash.
273	Olive Branch.....	W. Sheffield, Q.	First Wednesday.....	" G. H. Allen ....	" A. S. Campbell.
274	Kent.....	Blenheim....	Third Monday.....	" W. Carruthers..	" S. Waldo.
275	Pontiac.....	Onslow, Q....	Second Tuesday.....	" Arthur Lyon....	" John Lawrie.
276	Teeswater.....	Teeswater....	Friday on or before full moon.....	" H. B. O'Connor..	" P. G. Duncan.
277	Seymour.....	Pt. Dalhousie	Wednesday on or before full moon	" Robt. Patterson.	" Chas. J. Ellis.
278	Mystic.....	Roslin.....	Thursday before full moon.....	" E. B. Fralick....	" J. T. Ferguson.
279	New Hope.....	Hespeler....	Wednesday on or before full moon	" Isaac Huber....	" W. G. Lumley.
280	Mount Sinai.....	Napanee.....	First Thursday.....	" F. Richardson..	"
281	Thorne.....	Holland Ldg	First Tuesday.....	" A. Williams....	"
282	Lorne.....	Glencoe.....	First Thursday.....	" Wm. Hayden....	"
283	Eureka.....	Belleville...	Wednesday after full moon.....	" L. H. Henderson..	"
284	St. John's.....	Ainleyville..	Tuesday on or before full moon...	" W. J. R. Holmes..	"
285	Seven Star.....	Alliston....	Wednesday before full moon.....	" Thos. Sargent..	"
U.D.	Wingham.....	Wingham....	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" J. E. Tamlyn....	"
U.D.	Shuniah.....	P. Arth's Ldg	.....	" J. Clarke, M. D..	"
U.D.	Ancient Landmark.	Winnipeg....	Second Monday.....	" Jas. Henderson..	"
U.D.	Doric.....	Lobo.....	Second Thursday.....	" John D. McLeay..	"

SUSPENSIONS.—Unmasonic Conduct.

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- No. 23. *Richmond Lodge, Richmond Hill, Ont.*  
G. A. Bernard.
- No. 29. *United Lodge, Brighton, Ont.*  
L. M. Dulmage.
- No. 116. *Cassia Lodge, Widder, Ont.*  
H. M. Atkinson.
- No. 125. *Cornwall Lodge, Cornwall, Ont.*  
James C. Brymer.
- No. 127. *Franck Lodge, Frankford, Ont.*  
E. Maybee.
- No. 179. *Bothwell Lodge, Bothwell, Ont.*  
Joseph Swalwell.
- No. 193. *Scotland Lodge, Scotland, Ont.*  
Gilbert S. Harris.
- No. 202. *Mount Royal Lodge, Montreal, Que.*  
William J. Morris.
- No. 205. *New Dominion Lodge, New Hamburg, Ont.*  
Ludwig Klein.
- No. 267. *Parthenon, Chatham, Ont.*  
E. H. Bury.

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SUSPENSIONS.—Non-Payment of Dues.

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- No. 2. *Niagara Lodge, Niagara, Ont.*  
A. Cox, A. Putman.
- No. 7. *Union Lodge, Grimsby, Ont.*  
Wm. W. Kitchen.
- No. 11. *Moirs Lodge, Belleville, Ont.*  
G. V. N. Relyea, Thos. Evans.
- No. 16. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*  
W. O'Hara, Jr.
- No. 30. *Composite Lodge, Whitby, Ont.*  
G. Yule, James A. Clarke, James Wallace, J. A. Campbell.
- No. 32. *Amity Lodge, Dunnville, Ont.*  
Wm. Brooks, John Burgess, J. Root.
- No. 33. *Goderich Lodge, Goderich, Ont.*  
Fred. Sweetman.

- No. 35. *St. John's Lodge, Cayuga, Ont.*  
G. W. Hoover, L. Robitoy.
- No. 41. *St. George's, Kingsville, Ont.*  
John Thompson, Nelson Rogers.
- No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham, Ont.*  
J. H. Bell, Wm. Buchanan, Jas. Higgins, G. H. Sanborn,  
E. Windsor, A. F. Ward.
- No. 48. *Madoc Lodge, Madoc, Ont.*  
Peter Begg.
- No. 53. *Shefford Lodge, Waterloo, Que.*  
A. Clement, C. M. Jordan, H. Galer, P. E. Galer, Wm. Turner.
- No. 58. *Doric Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*  
J. Bailiff, W. Carrier, A. J. Eastman, D. Moore, W. Mosgrove,  
A. McKenzie, H. A. Palmer.
- No. 66. *Durham Lodge, Newcastle, Ont.*  
A. B. Culver, J. Colter, M. Henry, H. Davis.
- No. 72. *Alma Lodge, Galt, Ont.*  
J. R. Scrimiger, T. Stevenson.
- No. 73. *St. James Lodge, St. Mary's, Ont.*  
C. A. Smith, Theo. Frier, A. Leggett, J. Ingersoll.
- No. 75. *St. John's Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*  
W. Comsan, W. T. Dingle, R. Gilmour, W. Moulds, J.  
Stephenson, W. H. Taylor.
- No. 78. *King Hiram Lodge, Tilsonburg, Ont.*  
L. McLean, Wm. Huntsman, Robt. A. McKay
- No. 79. *Simcoe Lodge, Bradford, Ont.*  
Thos. Pascoe, Ed. Marrow, Robt. Burns.
- No. 82. *St. John's Lodge, Paris, Ont.*  
J. A. Gillespie, J. Broadwell.
- No. 86. *Wilson Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*  
G. Dougherty, John F. Jeffers, Geo. McKay, F. H. Smith, John  
Anderson, W. Clark, R. T. Corse, T. B. Dack, Wm. Lane, John  
Leslie, Jas. Milne, C. G. Howarth, Geo. McPherson, Jas. O'Hara,  
John Power, W. C. Roblin.
- No. 90. *Manito Lodge, Collingwood, Ont.*  
Chas. Jones, R. Kiffin.
- No. 91. *Colborne Lodge, Colborne, Ont.*  
Chas. G. Cameron, H. O. Martin, Joseph Doolittle, J. H.  
Williamson.
- No. 92. *Cataraqui Lodge, Kingston, Ont.*  
Horace Woodward, Ab. Briggs, John Connolly, John M.  
Glidden, Geo. S. Hoburt, Wm. McCadden.

- No. 95. *Ridout Lodge, Olterville, Ont.*  
Asa A. Purcell.
- No. 97. *Sharon Lodge, Sharon, Ont.*  
H. Watson, D. McDougal, John B. Linton, John Kay, D. W. Reid, Hiram Noble, Wm. Lilley, Wm. Packer, J. B. Summerfelt.
- No. 99. *Tuscan Lodge, Newmarket, Ont.*  
John Rogers, E. Ackenhead, M. O'K. Johns  
J. J. Hunter.
- No. 103. *Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharines, Ont.*  
Alex. Reid, Wm. Pauling, Jas. A. Nicolson, Wm. Read.
- No. 105. *St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville, Ont.*  
Peter Bowen.  
*Burford Lodge, Burford, Ont.*  
Wm. Flanigan.
- No. 108. *Blenheim Lodge, Drumbo, Ont.*  
James E. Dockrey, J. W. Brundell, R. S. Mann, L. H. Daniels, John M. French, P. M. Snyder, D. McNeil.
- No. 113. *Wilson Lodge, Waterford, Ont.*  
John Shaver.
- No. 121. *Doric Lodge, Brantford, Ont.*  
R. Hinchie, J. W. Rushton, F. Wilbee, B. Heum, J. Syril, Wm. Taylor, J. Orr, T. Spencer, Wm. Tout, P. Michie.
- No. 131. *St. Lawrence Lodge, Southampton, Ont.*  
Wm. Smith, R. A. Drake, D. McG. Lambert, D. R. J. Campbell, J. McLean, A. C. Belcher, J. E. Campbell, J. C. Byers.
- No. 136. *Richardson Lodge, Stouffville, Ont.*  
J. Stevenson, J. Bowman, R. H. Hayles, Wm. Eakin, Wm. Burton, A. McMurray, O. J. Brown, Samuel Mighton.
- No. 137. *Pythagoras Lodge, Meaford, Ont.*  
W. H. Taylor.
- No. 141. *Tudor Lodge, Mitchell, Ont.*  
John R. Drake, Wm. Worden.
- No. 144. *Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford, Ont.*  
Chas. Zoellner, D. E. R. Stewart.
- No. 150. *Hastings Lodge, Hastings, Ont.*  
David S. Nelson.
- No. 158. *Alexandra Lodge, Oil Springs, Ont.*  
C. M. Smith, John Kemp, C. N. Brooks, John Cameron, D. Brichen, Hugh Currie.
- o. 159. *Goodwood Lodge, Richmond, Ont.*  
John A. Bryson.

- No. 173. *Victoria Lodge, Montreal, Que.*  
G. A. Pearce.
- No. 178. *Plattsville Lodge, Plattsville, Ont.*  
John Robinson.
- No. 190. *Belmont Lodge, Belmont, Ont.*  
John E. Crouse, Wm. Martin, Mathew Cole.
- No. 192. *Orillia Lodge, Orillia, Ont.*  
W. F. Patterson.
- No. 197. *Saugeen Lodge, Walkerton, Ont.*  
J. Veighy.
- No. 200. *St. Alban's Lodge, Mt. Forest, Ont.*  
J. B. Taylor.
- No. 202. *Mount Royal Lodge, Montreal, Que.*  
Geo. A. Pearce.
- No. 205. *New Dominion Lodge, New Hamburg, Ont.*  
S. Zurburg.
- No. 218. *Steevenson Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*  
John Smart, Ralph Pyatt.
- No. 219. *Credit Lodge, Georgetown, Ont.*  
David McTavish, John Moise.
- No. 244. *Lisgar Lodge, Mopleton, Man.*  
John Fraser, Philip Kennedy.

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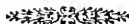
### RESTORATIONS.

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- No. 3. *St. John's Lodge, Kingston, Ont.*  
Robert Barry.
- No. 7. *Union Lodge, Grimsby, Ont.*  
John Muir.
- No. 10. *Norfolk Lodge, Simcoe, Ont.*  
Horatio N. Courtland.
- No. 18. *Prince Edward's Lodge, Picton, Ont.*  
Wm. Brisbane.
- No. 19. *St. George's Lodge, Montreal, Que.*  
Wm. B. Bowie.
- No. 20. *St. John's Lodge, London, Ont.*  
M. McNamara.
- No. 21. *Zetland Lodge, Montreal, Que.*  
G. Maybank.

- No. 22. *King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*  
Frederick M. Capus, Wm. H. Clarke.
- No. 26. *Ontario Lodge, Port Hope, Ont.*  
J. H. Hawkins, J. Stephens.
- No. 29. *United Lodge, Brighton, Ont.*  
J. F. Rolls.
- No. 39. *Mount Zion Lodge, Brooklin, Ont.*  
Thos. Middaugh, Samuel Woodruff, Charles J. Churchill.
- No. 44. *St. Thomas Lodge, St. Thomas, Ont.*  
Moses P. Whipple.
- No. 45. *Brant Lodge, Brantford, Ont.*  
Gehazi Carpenter.
- No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham, Ont.*  
Elijah Windsor, James Higgins.
- No. 48. *Madoc Lodge, Madoc, Ont.*  
Martin P. Hays.
- No. 50. *Consecon Lodge, Consecon, Ont.*  
Thos. C. Bedle.
- No. 64. *Kilwinning Lodge, London, Ont.*  
Zechariah Hamphill.
- No. 74. *St. James Lodge, Maitland, Ont.*  
John Milks, John Sale, S. J. Bellarney.
- No. 80. *Albion Lodge, Newbury, Ont.*  
John R. McRae.
- No. 84. *Clinton Lodge, Clinton, Ont.*  
Arnold R. King.
- No. 105. *St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville, Ont.*  
Searl Radcliffe.
- No. 107. *St. Paul's Lodge, Lambeth, Ont.*  
Daniel Young Hoyt.
- No. 122. *Renfrew Lodge, Renfrew, Ont.*  
R. Lyons, Alfred Wheeler.
- No. 127. *Franck Lodge, Frankford, Ont.*  
Geo. S. Graham, Ephraim Maybee.
- No. 155. *Peterborough Lodge, Peterboro', Ont.*  
J. H. Johnston.
- No. 158. *Alexandra Lodge, Oil Springs, Ont.*  
John Perry.

- No. 159.            *Goodwood Lodge, Richmond, Ont.*  
                     John Holmes.
- No. 164.            *Star in the East Lodge, Wellington, Ont.*  
                     Wm. Hogg.
- No. 174.            *Walsingham Lodge, Port Rowan, Ont.*  
                     Thomas Kelly.
- No. 177.            *The Builders' Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*  
                     Ludger Blanchett.
- No. 201.            *Leeds Lodge, Gananoque, Ont.*  
                     J. A. Acton.



AT REST.
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NAMEs.	NO.	LODGE.	DATE.
Richard Howard.....	2	Niagara.....	September 25....1871
David Fraser.....			July 18..... "
Alex. C. Gow.....			July 27..... "
Ed. Short.....	3	St. John's.....	February 2.... 1872
Wellington Wolf.....			May 22..... "
Ed. N. Wright.....			.....
Joseph C. Brown.....	6	Barton.....	June 13.... 1872
Wm. Davidson.....			December 22... 1871
Wm. B. Ozbourne.....	10	Norfolk.....	January 7.... 1872
M. D. Laurison.....			May 13..... "
Wm. D. G. Hill.....	11	Molra.....	January..... 1870
George Vair.....	14	True Briton's.....	February 12.... 1872
William Graham.....	15	St. George's.....	February 12.... "
John W. Abbott.....	16	St. Andrew's.....	October 18.... 1871
Duncan Milley.....			April 5.... 1872
Alex. Murphy.....	20	St. John's.....	March 22..... "
Robt. Fletcher.....			May 6..... "
Alex. Crail.....	22	King Solomon's....	November 16... 1871
John James Reilly.....			December 8.... "
Wm. H. Miller.....	24	St. Francis.....	February 23.... "
John C. Griffith.....			.....
Thomas McJ. Gowley.....	26	Ontario.....	November 18... 1871
Andrew Gordon.....	27	Strict Observance....	August 4..... "
W. A. McFarlane.....	28	Mount Zion.....	September 19... "
Walter Armstrong.....	29	United.....	December 15.... "
Alfred Holmes.....	30	Composite.....	October 26.... "
Henry Squier.....	32	Amity.....	December 19.... "
George E. Annes.....			July 29..... 1872
Samuel Braund.....	37	King Hiram.....	March 16..... "
Joseph Coraick.....	40	St. John's.....	July 26..... 1871
Alex. Reid.....	41	St. George's.....	May 5..... 1872
E. J. Andrews.....	44	St. Thomas.....	January 18.... "
Geo. Worthington.....			July 27.... 1871
Alfred Kennedy.....	46	Wellington.....	December 22.... "
Joseph A. Stephenson.....			July 29..... "
John Davis.....	47	Great Western.....	February 13.... 1872
Joshua Biles.....	48	Madoc.....	May 14..... "
Arthur Jones.....	50	Consecon.....	April 7..... "
F. R. Bissell.....	51	Corinthian.....	December 14.... 1871
Johh Hutton.....	53	Shefford.....	January 30.... 1872
Andrew Snyder.....			September 11... 1871
Thos. C. Bedle.....	58	Doric.....	June 11..... 1872
William Hassard.....	59	Corinthian.....	April 25..... "
Joseph Le Blanc.....	61	Acacia.....	.....
J. B. Lay.....	62	St. Andrew's.....	September 25... 1871
John Craig.....	64	Kilwinning.....	March..... 1872
George H. Lane.....	65	Rehoboam.....	October 11.... 1871
Jas. Blount.....	73	St. James'.....	October 21.... "
Arthur Puckridge.....			December 3.... "
Wells H. Hellenback.....	74	St. James'.....	February 12.... "
Geo. P. Land.....			April 7..... 1872
Wm. Ronald.....	75	St. John's.....	July 31.... 1871
James H. Armstrong.....			September 24.... "
Robt. South.....			February 1.... 1872
James Martin.....	80	Albion.....	August 18.... 1871
Jas. Halbert.....			January..... 1872
Joseph Baker.....			May 24..... "
John Sale.....			October 8..... "
W. B. Hampton, M. D....			.....
Isaac McLellan.....			.....
John Bracken.....			.....
Thomas Story.....			.....

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NAMES.	NO. LODGE.	DATE.
Samuel Wright.....	76 Oxford.....	December 18... 1871
Robt. B. Harris.....	82 St. John's.....	September 23... "
Jas. Harvey.....	83 Beaver.....	June 1..... "
R. C. McGregor.....		May 28..... "
John B. Baker.....		August 29..... "
Wm. Owens.....	86 Wilson.....	June 1..... 1872
Alex. S. McIntyre.....	88 St. George's.....	April 3..... "
John Sutherland.....		August 26..... 1871
H. G. A. Allen.....	90 Manito.....	March 11..... 1872
Timothy G. Fowler.....		December 23..... 1871
George Carnell.....	91 Colborne.....	October 28..... "
Robt. T. Deans.....		April 19..... 1872
Thos. G. Hurst.....	92 Cataraqui.....	July..... 1871
S. D. Paymenter.....	100 Valley.....	July 30..... "
James Doig.....	103 Maple Leaf.....	October 14..... "
George Foreman.....	104 St. John's.....	January 2..... 1872
Robt. A. Laidlaw.....	108 Blenheim.....	
Macneil Clark.....	110 Central.....	February 29..... 1872
Munnel Northrup.....		September 19..... "
Charles R. Woods.....	114 Hope.....	February 6..... "
John Hawkins.....		October 3..... 1871
David H. Cutler.....	116 Cassia.....	August 15..... "
Jas. Hendrick.....		March 6..... 1872
Edward Down.....	121 Doric.....	September 23..... 1871
Donald Bain.....	123 The Belleville.....	February 19..... 1872
Simeon Ashley.....		February 22..... "
Marcus E. Rowe.....	127 Franck.....	November 13..... 1871
S. B. Fairbanks.....	130 Lebanon.....	August 15..... "
Robt. McDonald.....	140 Malanide.....	December 8..... "
John Davidson.....	141 Tudor.....	September 7..... 1872
Geo. T. Farren.....	142 Excelsior.....	May 27..... 1871
James Graham.....		June 4..... "
James Hayden.....	146 Prince of Wales.....	July 8..... "
Frank Badgley.....	148 Civil Service.....	April 21..... "
Berkeley Powell.....	149 Erie.....	July 19..... 1872
John A. McFarlane.....	155 Peterborough.....	January 3..... "
Samuel S. Macklin.....	158 Alexandria.....	January..... "
George R. Ross.....	162 Forest.....	
J. J. Bradley.....	166 Wentworth.....	November 30..... 1871
R. S. Perine.....	168 Merritt.....	March 25..... 1872
James J. Hardison.....	169 Macnab.....	November 4..... 1871
Samuel M. Shaw.....	173 Victoria.....	August..... "
James Bisnett.....	176 Spartan.....	March 18..... "
Geo. H. Sayers.....	180 Speed.....	January 15..... 1872
Ralph Martindale.....	185 Enniskillen.....	May 2..... "
James A. Johnson.....	192 Orillia.....	November 3..... 1871
Louis C. Moore.....	197 Saugeen.....	January 14..... 1872
Richard Tate.....	202 Mount Royal.....	January 10..... "
Andrew Rodgers, Jr.....		January 20..... "
Henry Kirkland.....	203 Irvine.....	April 21..... "
Edward Teat.....	218 Dominion.....	November 6..... 1871
Henry McCullough.....	215 Lake.....	March 26..... 1872
James H. Trevail.....	218 Stevenson.....	August 1..... 1871
James A. Kerr.....		August 8..... "
Robert Guthrie.....		August 23..... "
Solomon Page.....	219 Credit.....	September 25..... "
John Batten.....	221 Mountain.....	July 13..... "
Edward Davidson.....	226 Mt. Moriah.....	March 16..... 1872
Peter Cruickshank.....	233 Doric.....	December 3..... 1871
Alex. Murphy.....	247 Ashlar.....	April 5..... 1872
James Reynolds.....	254 Clifton.....	
Hugh Stephenson.....	263 Forest.....	March 23..... 1872
Eleazer B. Gallup.....	264 Chaudiere.....	
William Shaw, Jr.....	265 Pontiac.....	October 7..... 1872



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# SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 24th JUNE, 1872.

† Lodges marked thus have made no returns during the year.

LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Died.	Susp. N. P. D.	Susp. U. M. C.	Expelled.	Restored.	Members.
—Antiquity Lodge.....	Montreal, Q.....	6	5	4	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	53
1 Prevost.....	Dunham, Q.....	7	7	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	81
2 Niagara.....	Niagara.....	9	9	9	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	49
3 St. John's.....	Kingston.....	6	6	6	3	3	6	...	...	...	1	149
4 Dorchester.....	St. John's, Q.....	3	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
5 Sussex.....	Brockville.....	14	16	16	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	84
6 Barton.....	Hamilton.....	9	6	6	1	7	2	...	...	...	...	125
7 Union.....	Grimsby.....	4	5	5	1	7	...	1	...	...	...	48
8 Nelson.....	Phillipsburg.....	4	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
9 Union.....	Napanee.....	12	9	6	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	101
10 Norfolk.....	Simcoe.....	15	13	13	7	5	3	...	...	...	...	81
11 Moira.....	Belleville.....	9	8	8	2	6	1	2	...	...	...	55
12 †Golden Rule.....	Stanstead.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14 True Briton's.....	Perth.....	24	23	20	1	4	1	...	...	...	...	45
15 St. George's.....	St. Catharines.....	13	12	14	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	117
16 St. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	9	9	6	4	5	2	1	...	...	...	118
17 St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	8	8	10	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	49
18 Prince Edward's.....	Pictou.....	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	85
19 St. George's.....	Montreal, Q.....	6	2	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	51
20 St. John's.....	London.....	17	15	13	6	6	12	...	...	...	1	95
21 Zetland.....	Montreal, Q.....	15	11	11	2	6	...	...	...	...	1	43
22 King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	7	6	2	2	11	3	...	...	...	3	129
23 Richmond.....	Richmond Hill.....	20	18	16	1	5	...	1	...	...	...	55
24 St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls.....	11	8	2	4	2	2	...	...	...	...	31
25 Ionic.....	Toronto.....	2	4	7	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	92
26 Ontario.....	Port Hope.....	9	9	10	1	3	1	...	...	...	2	47
27 Strict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	15	14	13	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	122
28 Mount Zion.....	Kemptville.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	38
29 United.....	Brighton.....	6	7	6	1	4	1	...	1	...	1	49
30 Composite.....	Whitby.....	2	3	5	...	3	1	4	...	...	...	56
31 Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville.....	5	5	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	43
32 Amity.....	Dunnville.....	8	4	2	...	1	2	3	...	...	...	98
33 Goderich.....	Goderich.....	7	7	7	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	33
34 Thistle.....	Amherstburg.....	8	7	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	44
35 St. John's.....	Cayuga.....	4	3	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	39
36 Welland.....	Pontheill.....	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
37 King Hiram.....	Ingersoll.....	5	4	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	71
38 Trent.....	Trenton.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
39 Mount Zion.....	Brooklin.....	9	9	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	31
40 St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	13	11	12	2	3	3	...	...	...	...	97
41 St. George's.....	Kingsville.....	5	7	6	2	2	1	2	...	...	...	65
42 St. George's.....	London.....	7	13	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76
43 King Solomon's.....	Woodstock.....	8	5	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	70
44 St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	10	7	4	3	...	2	...	...	...	1	60
45 Brant.....	Brantford.....	10	7	6	9	2	...	...	...	...	1	93
46 Wellington.....	Chatham.....	15	10	10	1	18	3	6	...	...	2	83
47 Great Western.....	Windsor.....	7	6	7	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	97
48 Madoc.....	Madoc.....	2	2	3	2	4	1	1	...	...	1	48
49 †Harrington.....	Quebec, Q.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
50 Consecron.....	Consecon.....	6	8	8	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	25
51 Corinthian.....	Grahamville.....	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	21
52 Dalhousie.....	Ottawa.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44
53 Shefford.....	Waterloo, Q.....	8	7	10	...	2	2	5	...	...	...	62
54 Vaughan.....	Maple.....	9	7	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	60
55 Mirickville.....	Mirickville.....	2	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	27
56 Victoria.....	Sarnia.....	4	3	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	87
57 Harmony.....	Binbrook.....	10	6	6	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	38
58 Doric.....	Ottawa.....	7	7	5	1	6	1	7	...	...	...	75
59 Corinthian.....	Ottawa.....	7	8	6	2	4	1	...	...	...	...	53
60 †Hoyle.....	La Colle, Q.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
61 Acacia.....	Hamilton.....	11	10	8	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	112



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LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Died.	Susp. N. P. D.	Susp. U. M. C.	Expelled.	Restored.	Members.
131 St. Lawrence.....	Southampton.....	2	2	2				8				18
133 Lebanon Forest....	Francescon.....	4	4	3	1	3						52
134 Shawenegam.....	Three Rivers, Q.....											
135 St. Clair.....	Milton.....	4	7	4		6						46
136 Richardson.....	Stouffville.....	2	2	4		7		5				23
137 Pythagoras.....	Meaford.....	4	4	4	1	6		1				35
138 Alymer.....	Aylmer, Q.....											31
139 Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	10	7	7	1	24	1					42
140 Malahide.....	Aylmer, O.....	8	2	2	2	9	1					64
141 Tudor.....	Mitchell.....	3	4	5	3	6	1	2				38
142 Excelsior.....	Morrisburg.....	5	8	9		5	2					70
143 Friendly Brothers..	Iroquois.....	9	9	9	4	12						51
144 Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....	13	8	5	2	3		2				73
145 J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....				2	2						35
146 Prince of Wales....	Newburgh.....	6	6	12	1	1	1					57
147 Mississippi.....	Almonte.....											26
148 Civil Service.....	Ottawa.....	12	8	5	5	5	1					50
149 Erie.....	Port Dover.....	6	3	1	1	4	1					41
150 Hastings.....	Hastings.....	3	3	2		2		1				20
151 The Grand River....	Berlin.....	12	12	3		3						59
152 Clarenceville.....	Clarenceville.....											
153 Burns.....	Wyoming.....	3	2	1								48
154 Irving.....	Lucan.....	9	9	8	1	3						25
155 Peterborough.....	Peterboro.....	4	4	7	2	4	1				1	45
156 York.....	Davisville.....	12	9	10		4						37
157 Simpson.....	Newboro.....	4	2	2		4						43
158 Alexandria.....	Oil Springs.....	4	4	4	1	2	1	6			1	37
159 Goodwood.....	Richmond, O.....					1		1			1	16
160 Quebec Garrison....	Quebec, Q.....											
161 Percy.....	Warkworth.....	6	6	5		2						29
162 Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	9	10	6	1	3	1					26
163 Browne.....	Brigham, Q.....	11	11	11								23
164 Star in the East....	Wellington.....	2	2	2		1						47
165 Burlington.....	Wellington Square..	7	7	4		1						36
166 Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek.....						1					27
167 †Royal Albert.....	Montreal, Q.....											
168 Merritt.....	Welland.....	7	6	4		2	1					44
169 Macnab.....	Port Colborne.....	5	4	5	1	2	1					52
170 Britannia.....	Seaforth.....	11	8	7	1	5						46
171 Prince of Wales....	Iona.....											55
172 Ayr.....	Ayr.....	4	4	4		7						38
173 Victoria.....	Montreal, Q.....	5	2		1	8	1	1				56
174 Walsingham.....	Port Rowan.....	4	5	4	1	3					1	58
175 St. John's.....	Mansonville, Q.....											51
176 Spartan.....	Sparta.....	7	7	8			1					32
177 The Builders'.....	Ottawa.....	5	4	8	2	4					1	66
178 Plattsville.....	Plattsville.....	1	1		1	9		1				24
179 Bothwell.....	Bothwell.....	2				3			1			44
180 Speed.....	Guelph.....	10	11	12	2	19	1					85
181 Oriental.....	Port Burwell.....	7	8	9								55
182 †Tuscan.....	Levis, Q.....											
183 Prince Albert....	Prince Albert.....	6	2		1							44
184 Old Light.....	Lucknow.....	4	3	3								37
185 Enniskillen.....	York.....	6	5	7		2	1					37
186 Plantagenet.....	Plantagenet.....	2	2	3	1	1						23
187 Royal Canadian....	Sweetsburg, Q.....	5	1	7	2							42
188 †Ascott.....	Lennoxville, Q.....											
189 Filius Vidue.....	Adolphustown.....	3	3	1		2						23
190 Belmont.....	Belmont.....	6	8	9		4						38
191 †Ashlar.....	Coaticook, Q.....											
192 Orillia.....	Orillia.....	15	14	10	2	4	1	1				55
193 Scotland.....	Scotland.....	7	3	4					1			35
194 Petrolia.....	Petrolia.....	8	8	9	1	12						54
195 The Tuscan.....	London.....	10	10	7	15							45
196 Madawaska.....	Arnprior.....	9	4	3	2	2						34
197 Saugcen.....	Walkerton.....	9	12	15	2	4	1	1				58

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LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Died.	Susp. N. P. D.	Susp. U. M. C.	Expelled.	Restored.	Members.
198 White Oak.....	Oakville.....	6	5	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	50
199 +Frelighsburg.....	Frelighsburg, Q.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
200 St. Albans.....	Mt. Forest.....	5	5	6	1	4	..	1	..	..	..	45
201 Leeds.....	Gananoque.....	18	6	6	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	64
202 Mount Royal.....	Montreal, Q.....	10	9	8	4	9	2	1	1	..	..	44
203 Irvine.....	Elora.....	21	22	18	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	90
204 +Doric.....	Danville, Q.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
205 New Dominion.....	New Hamburg.....	10	10	10	2	2	..	1	1	..	..	45
206 North Gower.....	North Gower.....	4	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
207 Lancaster.....	Lancaster.....	6	5	6	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	41
208 +Chateauguay.....	Huntington.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
209a St. John's.....	London.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
209 Evergreen.....	Lanark.....	7	5	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	23
210 Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury.....	6	2	1	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	17
211 Brome Lake.....	Knowlton, Q.....	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	20
212 Elysian.....	Garden Island.....	1	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39
213 Dominion.....	Ridgeway.....	9	9	8	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	41
214 Craig.....	Ailsa Craig.....	5	6	6	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	24
215 Lake.....	Ameliasburg.....	4	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	20
216 Harris.....	Orangeville.....	6	8	9	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	53
217 Frederick.....	Delhi.....	11	12	11	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	28
218 Stevenson.....	Toronto.....	20	15	11	5	2	2	2	..	..	..	73
219 Credit.....	Georgetown.....	8	4	2	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	57
220 Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge.....	11	7	7	2	..	8	..	..	..	..	41
221 Mountain.....	Thorold.....	8	7	6	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	51
222 Marmora.....	Marmora.....	5	5	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	21
223 Norwood.....	Norwood.....	4	3	3	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	23
224 Zurich.....	Zurich.....	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
225 Bernard.....	Listowel.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
226 Mt. Moriah.....	Montreal, Q.....	9	8	9	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	45
227 Sutton.....	Sutton Flatts, Q.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
228 Prince Arthur.....	Odessa.....	5	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
229 Ionic.....	Brampton.....	13	11	7	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	28
230 Kerr.....	Bell Ewart.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
231 Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	5	5	4	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	29
232 Cameron.....	Wallacetown.....	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	32
233 Doric.....	Park Hill.....	16	13	11	3	3	1	..	1	..	..	39
234 Beaver.....	Clarksburg.....	7	7	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	21
235 Aldworth.....	Paisley.....	6	5	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
236 Manitoba.....	Bondhead.....	7	5	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	28
237 Vienna.....	Vienna.....	10	9	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34
238 Havelock.....	Watford.....	5	5	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	23
239 Tweed.....	Tweed.....	7	7	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
240 Prince Rupert.....	Winnipeg, M.....	12	10	8	12	1	..	..	..	..	..	65
241 Quinte.....	Shannonville.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25
242 Macoy.....	Escott Front.....	15	17	18	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	33
243 St. George.....	St. George.....	6	8	11	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	25
244 Lisgar.....	Mapleton, M.....	4	4	4	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
245 Tecumseh.....	Thamesville.....	10	10	8	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	29
246 U. of S. Observance.....	Montreal, Q.....	1	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	31
247 Ashlar.....	Yorkville.....	4	4	7	5	5	1	..	..	..	..	36
248 Eureka.....	Pakenham.....	9	12	9	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	25
249 Caledonian.....	Angus.....	15	15	15	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	31
250 Thistle.....	Embro.....	12	12	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
252 The Intercolonial.....	North Pembina.....	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
253 Minden.....	Kingston.....	21	20	15	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	37
254 Clifton.....	Clifton.....	14	16	11	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	36
255 Sydenham.....	Dresden.....	8	6	7	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
256 Farren's Point.....	Farran's Point.....	7	4	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	21
257 Galt.....	Galt.....	21	20	14	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	44
258 Guelph.....	Guelph.....	20	15	7	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	45
259 Springfield.....	Springfield.....	15	15	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
260 Washington.....	Petrolia.....	8	7	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
261 Oak Branch.....	Innerkip.....	7	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
262 Harriston.....	Harriston.....	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
263 Forest.....	Forest.....	8	8	5	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	15

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LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Died.	Susp. N. P. D.	Susp. U. M. C.	Expelled.	Restored.	Members.
264 Chaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	10	5	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	36
265 Patterson.....	Concord.....	8	5	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
266 Northern Light.....	Stayner.....	9	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
267 Parthenon.....	Chatham.....	22	16	13	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	51
268 Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
269 Brougham Union.....	Brougham.....	3	3	3	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
270 Cedar.....	Oshawa.....	10	5	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
271 Wellington.....	Erin.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
272 Seymour.....	Ancaster.....	6	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
273 Olive Branch.....	West Shefford, Q.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
274 Kent.....	Blenheim.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
275 Pontiae.....	Onslow.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	7
276 Teeswater.....	Teeswater.....	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
277 Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
278 Mystic.....	Roslin.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
279 New Hope.....	Hespeler.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
280 Mt. Sinai.....	Napanee.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25
281 Thorne.....	Holland Landing.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
282 Lorne.....	Glencoe.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
283 Eureka.....	Belleville.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
284 St. John's.....	Ainleyville.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
285 Seven Star.....	Alliston.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
U. D. Wingham.....	Wingham.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
U. D. Shuniah.....	Prince Arthur's L'g.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
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# RECAPITULATION

OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 24TH JUNE, 1872,  
AS FAR AS HEARD FROM.

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" represented in Grand Lodge .....	223
" organized and affiliated .....	290
" making no returns .....	15
" extinct and dormant .....	9
" resuscitated .....	1
" affiliated .....	3
" working and making returns .....	266
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Receipts from Lodges for the fiscal year ending 31st Dec.,	
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Masonic Asylum Fund, as reported 30th June, 1872 .....	5,858 66
Assets of Grand Lodge, as per Grand Treasurer's Statement	
to 30th June, 1872 .....	\$47,630 56

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## EXPULSIONS BY GRAND LODGE,

FOR GROSS UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

BRO. ANTHONY SKELDING,

St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas, Ont.

BRO. THOMAS TAYLOR,

Lisgar Lodge, No. 244, Mapleton, Manitoba.

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